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## BERLIN RETALIATIONS

### Americans Set Up Road Blocks On Main Road

### "Considerable Troop Activity In Russian Zone"

Berlin, Apr. 3.

Gen. Lucius Clay, Commander of the United States zone, told the United Press tonight he would keep armed guards at the Reichsbahn building as long as the Russians keep armed guards inside it, and disclosed that an official demand has been made on the Russians to explain why armed Russians were dispatched into the American sector.

At the same time the deputy British Military Governor, Major-Gen. Nevil Brownjohn, told British correspondents that the English and Americans would not be forced out of Berlin by Russian tactics. He said the Soviets appear to be testing just how far they can carry their war of nerves.

American cargo planes continued to fly food and other supplies into Berlin and Gen. Clay told the United Press he had offered to send the wives and children of any Americans there back to the United States at the expense of the Government any time they wished to leave.

By nightfall 83 flights had been recorded at Tempelhof, with 40 inbound planes bringing in 158,000 pounds of food and supplies as the railroads remained idle by Russian pressure. Tempelhof authorities said they had received no notification that Russian fighter planes would again be manoeuvring over the air corridor to Frankfurt tonight. They were advised of such activities last night.

Eight Russians, including Gen. Petrov, boss of the railroads in the Soviet zone, still held out tonight in the otherwise deserted Reichsbahn building while 50 armed Americans encircled the building with orders to keep out all Russian soldiers and civilians. Clay promised that they would remain there until armed Soviet sentries are pulled from the building which is in the American sector of the city.

Clay made two other disclosures: Passenger train schedules will remain suspended indefinitely, and no decision has yet been reached about calling a meeting of the Allied Control Council this month. The latter move is now up to Clay, since he becomes presiding officer of the body in regular rotation. Early this morning one American sergeant went through the revolving doors of the Reichsbahn building to catch a German who failed to show his papers to the guard. He said two Russian sentries inside the building were standing on a landing about five steps up. They took one step toward the sergeant but did not point their weapons at him, and he was allowed to lead the German out.

#### Trains Held Up

A Military Government spokesman announced that two food trains en route from the Western zones with supplies for Berlin's German population had been halted by Russian border guards. The trains were last reported moving towards Berlin.

An extensive check by United Press with Russian officials and both British and American intelligence agencies revealed that there was considerable troop activity in the Russian zone. It was recalled that several days ago the Russian-controlled German press mentioned that German troops were holding spring maneuvers. There have also been numerous reports of the strengthening of border guards by the Soviets.

Official British and American quarters denied any knowledge of Russian armoured troops moving into the Soviet zone from the East.

Gen. Brownjohn spoke to British correspondents this morning in a private conference restricted to British newsmen.

"We are not on the verge of a pitched battle," he said. "The Russian action is calculated to make our position untenable, but we do not intend to be bullied."

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## Secret Inquiry Into Vice

Tokyo, Apr. 4.

Australia's concern for the allegations of immorality among her troops in Japan was demonstrated on Friday by the arrival of a secret commission which today began investigations among British troops in the Kure area.

The commission, comprising three Chaplains-General and a former Major-General in the Australian Army, also included an Australian newspaperman well known in the Far East. This is the first time the Australian Government has employed an experienced newspaperman in such a position.

The appointment of the committee was denied in Australia last week, but today informed sources said it would continue the investigations in Japan for about a month, probing allegations of immorality, black-marketing and drunkenness among all Australian troops.

No details of the form or scope of the commission's investigations will be made public, the sources said. An official schedule has been drawn up, including visits to all the principal British areas and a stay in Tokyo, where allegations have been made against the behaviour of Australian officers on leave.—Reuter.

#### STATE VISIT

Washington, Apr. 4. Prince Regent Charles and Premier Paul Henri Spaak arrived by air today for a state visit.

Prince Charles will make his first official call on President Harry Truman on Tuesday evening.—Associated Press.

## "Uplifting Effect" On Morale

Nanking, Apr. 4.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, in a statement issued today, said the China aid programme signed by President Truman yesterday has an "uplifting effect" on the morale of the Chinese people and its significance is not to be measured by "mere figures".

"The legislative enactment of the China aid programme, followed by Executive approval, is a

preparation and people," said Dr. Wang. "My Government, however, accepts the programme with a heavy heart as the final responsibility for its success or failure must necessarily rest with us."

"We are keenly aware of the manifold difficulties now confronting us."

"In the midst of the Communist rebellion and vicious inflation conditions which have forced others in similar circumstances into a different political course, we nevertheless are determined to initiate and maintain a democratic constitutional Government."

"The realisation of such a political programme, coupled with the carrying out of the economic measures as outlined in the 10-point programme of the Premier, General Chiang Kai-shek, will be a job which my Government will tackle with steadfastness and vigour, for this is the only road that leads to our national unity and reconstruction, and thereby to the restoration and preservation of peace and security in the Far East."

"In this last, I firmly believe we shall never be alone."—Reuter.

The Soviet notification was the first gesture from the Russians showing willingness to talk over with the Western Powers the regulations which brought the Allied military train traffic between Berlin and the Western zones.

It was also the Russians' first move to renew top level talks with the Americans since the

## Willing To Meet West

Berlin, Apr. 4.

The Soviet Military Government in Berlin, in a letter to the American Military Government headquarters, today expressed willingness to meet the Western occupation powers to "clarify details of the Soviet supplementary regulations for controlling traffic."

The letter was received at the American headquarters in reply to a protest from the Americans on March 21 against the Soviet regulations for the control of traffic between Berlin and the Western Zones.—Reuter.

## Mountbatten For Moscow Suggestion

London, Apr. 4.

The suggestion that Earl Mountbatten should be sent to Moscow as British Ambassador after he leaves his present post of Governor-General of India was made today in the popular press circulation "Sunday Pictorial".

Frederic Mullaly, the "candid commentator" columnist of the paper, wrote: "I am one of those who believe that an inspired Ambassador, with outstanding personal qualities, is worth a whole bagful of diplomatic notes. And the Russians respond quickly and warmly to a man they respect and like."

Future events rather than personalities will determine whether or not Britain's "Russia" can live in peace together. Mullaly declared, adding: "It is precisely at such a time that Britain should put its best man into the breach at Moscow, not with any extraneous baggage, but with a close, intelligent, and capable man who can do a lot to prevent a fatal widening of that breach."—Reuter.

#### N.T. HOLD-UP

While Mr. Jose Maria Conceicao and two Chinese beaters were out shooting game near Tai Shing Village in the New Territories at about 8.30 a.m. yesterday they were held up by two men, one armed with a Mauser and the other a revolver.

The robbers got away with the sporting gun, a pair of field glasses, a watch and \$20 in cash.

#### PICTURE OF THE DAY

### In Good Hands



One little piggy which did not go to market. A pleasing picture by an amateur photographer.

## National Assembly Breaks Up In Storm

Nanking, Apr. 3.

Charges that some delegates voted twice brought to an abrupt, tumultuous end today's meeting of the National Assembly as the delegates completed the first week of debates without electing the President.

Wung Lan-yu, Secretary-General of the Preparatory Commission, ordered the voting and declared it null and void at 7.50 p.m. after a group of Hunan delegates noisily charged that some delegates cast two ballots.

The abrupt cancellation came after the balloting for an 85-man President was three-fourths concluded. It appeared as if the Assembly would finally complete on Monday this initial item over which it has been wrangling for a week, but the accusation by the Hunan delegates produced pandemonium in the Assembly causing the proceedings to be adjourned.

Numerous other delegates jumped to their feet to either support or deny the charges.

The Hunan delegates said that some members who had been seated in front rows and had left after casting ballots had returned to the Assembly Hall and voted for the second time.

Each Assembly delegate is permitted only one vote for a President member according to a resolution adopted yesterday.

No date has been set for re-election but it was considered unlikely that it would take place before Monday since many delegates plan to go to Shanghai for the weekend.

Today's session did not begin until 5.30 p.m. in order to give provincial and vocational groups time to select President candidates. There were 224 delegates present—the largest attendance so far.

Twelve delegates were nominated to supervise the President election which was carried out by means of secret ballots placed in boxes in the Assembly hall.

The dispute between "rebel" delegates and the Kuomintang dragged on one more day, meanwhile, without a solution as eight hunger strikers started the seventh day of a semi-fast.

## GENERALISSIMO DROPS ELECTION BOMBSHELL

### Refusing To Stand For Presidency

Nanking, Apr. 4.

President Chiang Kai-shek in a dramatic move today told the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee plenary session that he will not run for the Presidency of China under the new constitution.

"I have decided, not to seek election as President," he said. "As a member of the Kuomintang I must obey party discipline and not make a personal decision while a nomination has not been made by the party."

Chiang indicated that he had decided not to become the first constitutional President of China, stating that with the implementation of the constitution the President should be a man without party affiliations.

He said the new President of China should possess the following qualifications:

- Loyalty to the constitution;
- A strong sense of patriotism and nationalism;
- A democratic outlook;
- An understanding of Chinese culture and a thorough knowledge of the international situation.

Chiang expressed disapproval of the Vice-Presidential candidates who were running before being nominated.

He added, however, that owing to the limited time left before the election they should be allowed to proceed with their electioneering campaigns although such a situation should not be allowed to recur.

Chiang's announcement, which came as a shock and surprise to Kuomintang leaders, was made at a time when the

capital was being flooded with telegrams from all parts of the country naming him as their choice.

It is not yet known what the next move of the Central Executive Committee will be. It is still in session at present.

#### Chu Cheng

Chiang's move coincided with the arrival in Nanking of a three-man commission representing Shanghai banking and judicial circles to canvass support for Dr. Chu Cheng, President of the Judicial Yuan, who announced his candidature for Presidency a few days ago.

In a statement issued last night following a meeting of Shanghai banking and judicial circles they decided to back Chu Cheng because of his contributions toward the realization of constitutionalism in the country and toward the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty during the early revolutionary period.

While China is marching toward "rule by law" and not by man she needs a President who is familiar with the law and the constitution and who will faithfully abide by them under any circumstances, the statement said.

It added that Chu was one of the ideal candidates who could meet these requirements.

Supporters said they would not be discouraged if the Judicial Yuan President failed in the elections because they explained that Chu's democratic spirit and courage would remain even if he did not succeed.

#### Only Person

Although the nation's reaction to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's refusal to stand for the Presidency is as yet unknown, the Chinese people as a whole for a long time have been convinced that he is the only person capable of shouldering the tremendous responsibilities entailed by the office.

As President, Generalissimo Chiang successfully led the nation through an eight-year war with Japan and everybody in Nationalist China has implicit faith in his leadership and victory over the communists.

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## Reynolds Breaks Another Promise

Shanghai, Apr. 4.

Milton Reynolds, Chicago millionaire, was today accused of pulling his second "sneak flight" out of Shanghai within two days.

Without obtaining permission to leave from either the Civil Aeronautics Administration or the Lungchow airport authorities, Reynolds' plane took off at 0545 GMT with pilot Bill Odum at the controls. He has not returned, two and half hours later.

Mayor K. C. Wu said: "He sneaked out again. I don't think he will come back this time. Even the American Consul-General who came here this afternoon does not know of his destination."

Reynolds did not clear through the customs or the immigration authority, nor did he file a flight plan, giving his destination with CAA.

A Cathay Hotel clerk said Reynolds and Odum removed all their belongings from their rooms.

Several persons at the airport, who talked with Reynolds, said he had not told them he was leaving. Armed guards who had been watching the plane for two days had been withdrawn following Reynolds' purported promise to Chinese officials in Nanking that he would not leave China until the affairs of the

## Machinists Start Strike

London, Apr. 3.

Vehicle workers belonging to the 20,000-strong Vehicle Builders and Wood-working Machinists' Union, struck work in Britain and Northern Ireland today on a claim for higher wages.

A large number of bus-building firms will be affected by the stoppage but the full effect will not be known until Monday, as many plants are working a five-day week.—Reuter.

## MacArthur Tale Denied

Nanking, Apr. 4.

Premier Chiang Kai-shek today emphatically denied reports appearing in the Chinese press that Gen. Douglas MacArthur had invited Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to meet with him to discuss the American aid programme.

"Gen. MacArthur has no authority to make such an invitation," said Premier Chiang. Reports stating that MacArthur had recommended a meeting between the two men appeared yesterday in several Chinese newspapers in the capital and were attributed to "reliable sources."—United Press.

## Flood Havoc In Georgia

Savannah, Georgia, Apr. 4.

Flood waters of the Ogeechee River swelled over the famous coastal highway between here and New Brunswick and highway engineers ordered the highway to be closed.

The famous Richmond Hill plantation of the late automobile multi-millionaire, Henry Ford, was hit hard by the flood waters, but his wife, Mrs. Ford, was rescued safely in the mansion on the estate.

Georgia and Florida state highway patrolmen reported scenes of devastation throughout both states as damage estimates soared into millions of dollars. More rain was expected for south-west and north Georgia and north-west Florida.

Hundreds are homeless, and tourists in the area were virtually marooned.—United Press.

## Haganah Storms Village

Jerusalem, Apr. 4.

Jewish planes dropped packages yesterday on the large Haganah fighting forces holding the occupied Arab village of Castel against Arab counter attacks.

Haganah, who stormed and captured the village before dawn, were reported to have suffered nine casualties so far. Hundreds of Arabs were trying to win back the village on Mount Castel dominating a stretch of the vital Jerusalem-Tel Aviv main road, the supply link, along which Jewish food convoys must travel to break through the Arab blockade of Jerusalem.—Reuter.

#### MINIATURE WRITING

Nanking, Apr. 4.

The full text of the Chinese constitution, a map of China and the portraits of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and President Chiang Kai-shek have been carved on a cube of ivory the size of a postage stamp by Chen Ching-yi, China's leading ivory carver.

The constitution contains over 10,000 characters. Chen will present the ivory cube to the National Assembly, he said, he plans to make a second one to give to President Truman.—United Press.

#### The Weather

A ride of high pressure from the Siberian anticyclone sends a cold and brisk wind, the day's weather is of moderate rain, with a few showers, and a cold front moving in from the west. Tomorrow's weather is expected to be cloudy with rain, and a cold front moving in from the west. The temperature is expected to be in the 50s and 60s.



# CHANGCHUN BATTLE

## Communists Open New Offensives

### Heavy Onslaughts In Several Areas

Shanghai, Apr. 4.

The long-expected Communist offensive against Changchun, the last major Government stronghold in Northern Liaoning, began today with three Communist divisions supported by Mongolian cavalrymen staging a large scale attack on Nationalist positions north-west of Changchun, near the airfield, according to pro-Government despatches.

Nationalist mechanised units have moved out of Changchun in an effort to cut the rear of the attacking Communist forces who are at present engaged in bitter fighting in several villages between 10 and 18 miles north-west of the Manchurian capital.

The official Central Daily News reported that the Government garrison at Changchun totalled about 100,000 and expressed confidence that the Communist offensive would end in failure.

Simultaneously General Lin Piao, Communist Commander-in-Chief in Manchuria, launched an attack against Nationalist troops guarding the north bank of the Liao River, about 40 miles north-west of Mukden.

The Changchun offensive coincided with large-scale Communist operations in Suiyuan province where two Red divisions belonging to General Nieh Yung-cheng have begun an advance on Kweihsui, the provincial capital.

General Fu Tsi-yi, North China Commander-in-Chief who recently crushed General Nieh's offensive against Kalgan and the North Shanxi city of Tatum, has flown to Kweihsui from Kalgan to assume direction of the defensive operations.

Fighting is said to be at present raging in the railway towns of Kwansun and Tootshan, respectively 70 and 40 miles east of Kweihsui.

#### Savage Fighting

Meanwhile, on the Shantung war front, savage fighting involving over 70,000 Communist troops under General Chen Yi is progressing along the 20-mile stretch of the Tsinan-Tsingtao railway between the cities of Weihai and Changlo.

Both these Nationalist strongholds are at present surrounded but their garrisons are being continually supplied by air.

General Wang Yao-wu, Governor of Shantung, flew to Weihai.



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MR. KIRBY, I MUST SEE YOU AT ONCE!

hian last night for an emergency conference with the garrison commander and to inspect the defenses of the city.

In Hopei Province sporadic fighting is reported in the Peking, Paoing and Tientsin triangular region with small columns of Communists attacking various points within the sector.

The situation at the besieged north-western Anhwei city of Fowyang brightened today with the arrival of strong Government reinforcements who routed the Red attackers in a short but fierce battle and are now pursuing the Communists.—Reuter.

## Nethersole Hospital Appeal

The Nethersole Hospital, which is the name by which the Allen Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals are generally known, has a record of sixty years of service to the community. It was the first hospital in the Colony to start a training school for nurses, and was also the first to train midwives. The reputation of its graduates stands high in the Colony, and a number have held, and still hold prominent nursing positions.

The old Nurses' Home is now out of date and quite inadequate to accommodate the present staff. As a result, the top floor of the Nethersole Hospital, which should be used for patients, is given up for staff quarters, and part of the London Missionary Society's residences is being rented for nurses' and sisters' dining rooms. It is to remedy this state of affairs, and to release accommodation urgently needed for patients, that a new Nurses' Home is to be erected. It is intended that the new building shall include the teaching unit for the Hospital's Nurses Training School.

While some firms and individuals very generously give an annual donation to the general funds of the Hospital, this is only the second time in over thirty years that the Hospital is making a special appeal for building purposes.

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## Canadian Help For Britain

Ottawa, Apr. 4.

Canada is reported to be arranging to give Britain a temporary extension of credit until the U.S. Recovery Programme in Europe takes effect.

Last December Britain was authorised to draw US\$15,000,000 monthly on Canadian credits through March to finance Canadian purchases. About US\$242,000,000 remains of the original US\$1,250,000,000 Canadian loan to Britain.—Associated Press.

## Land Cable To Canton

Work on re-establishing tele-communications between Canton and Hong Kong is being speeded up, according to yesterday's "Wah Kiu Yat Po."

The newspaper reported that the Chinese authorities, aware of the fact that the impending rainy season will affect radio-telephone communications adversely, decided to accelerate work previously started on connecting Canton and Hong Kong by a land cable as before the Pacific War.

Orders have been issued for a speeding-up of the erection of telegraph poles on the Chinese side of the border. Land cables, ordered from abroad, are arriving regularly in Hong Kong, the report added.

## Nervousness On Mongolian Border

Lanchow, Apr. 4.

Strained Soviet-American relations are being reflected in growing nervousness along China's northern boundary, an Inner Mongolian leader said today.

"Inner Mongolia is becoming uneasy as Russia and America become less friendly," the famous Mohammedan General, Ma Hung-kwei, told Associated Press.

Inner Mongolia's army is concentrated across the border in the direction of her big northern neighbour, Outer Mongolia, which since her independence has swung markedly into the Soviet orbit.

"If a showdown develops in the international situation, then matters will come to a head between Outer and Inner Mongolia," Gen. Ma, Governor of the Inner Mongolian province of Ninghsia, said.

Gen. Ma, whose hard-charging Moslem cavalry is feared and respected in China, said that so far Outer Mongolia has made no attempt to encroach on Chinese territory. But preparations are under way under the direction of

## Four New Governors

Nanking, Apr. 4.

The Executive Yuan in one of the most sweeping single reshuffles of provincial Governors named four new Governors today for the provinces of Kweichow, Szechwan, Kiangsi and Hupeh.

Ku Ching-ten was appointed Governor of Kweichow to succeed Gen. Yang Sen who has been appointed Mayor of Chungking. Gen. Wang Ling-chi, Hu Chia-feng and Gen. Chang Tu-lun were appointed Governors of Szechwan, Kiangsi and Hupeh, respectively.

Gen. Wan Cho-huang, outgoing Governor of Hupeh, was appointed a member of the Strategic Advisory Committee.—United Press.

## What Is Russia's Motive? Three Schools Of Thought On The Berlin Crisis

London, Apr. 3.

The Berlin crisis over the new Soviet traffic regulations "has temporarily eclipsed the forthcoming Italian elections as the focal point of strategic manoeuvring by the great powers. The real motive of the Soviet move is not entirely clear and at least three schools of thought exist among observers here.

The first believes that Russia has decided to precipitate a rupture with the western powers in order to force them out of Berlin and the Soviet zone on purely strategic grounds.

The second, without disagreeing with this explanation as far as the motive is concerned, is inclined to think that Moscow is not yet willing to push the Western Allies to the limit, and that the new regulations are designed to force the Allies to leave Berlin of their own accord rather than engage in a protracted struggle to maintain their sectors in the capital under conditions which could become more and more untenable.

The third interpretation lays the principal emphasis on Russia's desire to make a demonstration of superior Soviet strength in relation to the western powers in order to impress Europe, and particularly Italy on the eve of her elections, with the uselessness of resisting Russian might.

Whichever of these explanations is nearest the mark—and it may well be that the truth lies in a combination of more than one of them—observers here are agreed that Russia, in choosing to attack the Western Allies where they are physically at the

greatest disadvantage, has selected the ground and timing of her offensive with considerable skill.

#### Precarious

It has long been recognised here that long-term occupation of Berlin by the Western Allies in the face of determined active or passive Soviet opposition would be a costly and precarious undertaking.

Hitherto it has been convincingly argued that the Soviet Union, like the western powers, felt that it had more to gain from the maintenance of the four power control machinery in Berlin than from forcing an irrevocable division of western and eastern Germany.

If this is no longer the case, it is clear that Russia holds most of the cards as far as the battle for Berlin is concerned.

The legal title of the western powers to occupy their sectors of Berlin lies primarily in agreements made before Potsdam by the European Advisory Council at a time when the presumption was that Russia would continue to act as a friend and ally in finding a common solution to problems of Allied occupation in Germany.

#### Breach Of Spirit

Although the new Soviet regulations are certainly a breach of the spirit of the original quadripartite agreement, it is by no means certain, some observers think, that their action in demanding special Soviet authorisation for transit traffic through the Soviet zone can easily be challenged.

It is thought by experts on German affairs here that it would be possible, as well as prudent, to decline to interpret the Soviet move in its worst sense and to make a serious bid for a local settlement.

This would be a convincing proof that the Western Allies, despite Soviet propaganda, are not anxious to take the first opportunity offered to finalise the division of Germany into separate states, or to balk the door on eventual agreement with Moscow on Germany.—Reuter.

## Siamese Border Troubles

Bangkok, Apr. 4.

Armed police, with radio-equipped vans, will soon reinforce Siamese anti-primé squads operating near the Malayan border, it was stated here today.

Official quarters today described as "normal" the situation in the four southern provinces bordering Malaya, where separatist agitation had been reported some time ago.

Press reports that the Prime Minister, Khuang Kwaiwongse, is planning to visit the frontier provinces this month were not confirmed.—Reuter.

## Local Elections In England

London, Apr. 4.

Early returns from a five-day series of local elections which began on Saturday gave candidates of the opposition "Conservative Party" a considerable lead over nominees of the nationally dominant Labour Party today.

An unofficial compilation at 3 a.m. showed the Conservatives had gained 143 seats, including five places newly created by re-districting, and had lost nine. The Labourites had lost 100 seats and picked up only 32.—United Press.

## Actors Face Deportation

San Francisco, Apr. 3.

Twelve Chinese actors of a local Mandarin Theatre face deportation to China unless they can raise a \$12,000 bond.

The actors came in 1939-40 under a \$12,000 bond furnished by the Mandarin Theatre. The bond was forfeited last year when the troupe ignored the Government's warning that their legal stay had expired.

At present they have been informed that they may remain only if another \$12,000 is raised.

In custody are Kung Sek-wing, aged 38; Fung Kim-yung, 40; Au Yauk, 47; Lee Hung 61; Ng Kui 47; Yeung Fook, 29; Ma Yuen, 20; Tse Fook Poy, 37; Shun Lih, 38; Leung Chun, 48; Wong Kam-lung, 35; Fong Wan, 44.—United Press.

## Agricultural Loan To Kwangtung

Canton, Apr. 4.

Kwangtung Province has been allocated a loan of CN\$950,000 million for agricultural purposes according to the Provincial Government.

The primary object of this loan is to enable the Provincial authorities to carry out its plans for increasing Kwangtung's rice production.

This allocation is in addition to a fertilizer loan granted earlier by the Ministry of Agriculture, while financial and other assistance has also come from the United States Government's China Relief Mission.—Reuter.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 21st April, 1948, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

**THE REGISTER OF SHARES** of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 7th April, 1948, to WEDNESDAY, 21st April, 1948, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
B. C. FIELD,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th March, 1948.

## THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Windsor House, Mezzanine Floor, Hong Kong, on Thursday 16th April, 1948, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and Bonus and to elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April, 1948, to 15th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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Hongkong, 22nd March, 1948.

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**Notice To Shareholders**

**ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for all the existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. E. TERRY,  
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

## THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

**Notice To Shareholders**

**ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

**CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS**

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. E. Terry,  
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 17th April, 1948 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 8th April, 1948.

By Order,  
S. A. SLEAP,  
Actg. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

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The first two lectures will be:  
Thursday, 8th April, 8.30 p.m.  
The Catholic Note in English Literature (Rev. Fr. T. Ryan, S.J.)  
Thursday, 15th April, 8.30 p.m.  
The English Martyrs (Rev. Fr. J. McCarthy, S.J.)

These lectures are open to the general public, and all who are interested are invited to attend.

## THE VIBRO PILING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 13th Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 1st floor, York Building, on Wednesday, 21st April, 1948, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report and Statement of Accounts for the period 1st July, 1946 to 31st December, 1947, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 21st April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board  
F. E. d'Almada Remedios,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

## NOTICE

With Effect from 1st April 1948, Mr. Leung Sui Po has been appointed as Secretary of our Companies.

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## THE R.A.S.C. ASSOCIATION

Approval has been given to the formation of a permanent branch of the R.A.S.C. Association (formerly known as the R.A.S.C. Regimental Association) in Hong Kong.

1. Membership is open to officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men who have at any time served, or are now serving in the R.A.S.C., or officers and other ranks of the Allied Army Service Corps who had served therein prior to 3 Sept. 39.

2. Will all ex-Corps personnel (officers and other ranks) who are interested please communicate with Lieut. Colonel E. G. HAZELTON, O.B.E., C.R.A.S.C., H.Q. Land Forces, Whitefield Barracks, Kowloon (Tel. 34121, Ext. 70).

3. Details of time and date of the inaugural meeting will be notified later.

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# COLD WAR IN FAR EAST IS GROWING WARMER

## Half A Million Imperilled

Half a million Persians in the province of Sistan, on the borders of Afghanistan, may cease to exist as a community within a year, according to a report to the Persian Government from Colonel Safaqaour, commander of the province's frontier guard.

The population of this province live by agriculture and depend for their main water on the river Hirmand, which rises in Afghanistan, flows across the border and loops back to re-enter Afghanistan further north. Persians believe that the Hirmand is being deflected across the loop so that it will not flow through Persian territory.

During last summer's unprecedented drought, a shortage of water was expected. But when the Hirmand, after its level had steadily fallen for a month or so, practically dried up, the situation became alarming and experts began to suspect other than natural causes for this phenomenon. Grim reports reached Tehran of trees and crops dying, and distress among the inhabitants. American and Persian Government agricultural advisers travelled to Zabol, the capital of the province, to investigate. They confirmed the gravity of the situation. Their suspicion became strong that the drying up was

Philadelpia, Apr. 4.  
Paul V. McNutt, former U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, said today that China should receive military aid now "because the cold war in the Far East is gradually growing warmer." He went on: "The Pacific is our frontier, and as far as I am concerned, our ocean."

He told the 52nd annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science that "we are the guarantors of peace in the Pacific whether we like it or not." He said the United States enjoys greater prestige than any other Western Power there but is making no move to "use that reserve of goodwill to the benefit of the Orient. America has not fully shouldered its responsibility."

McNutt said the Far East has great economic resources but lacks economic organization. He warned against giving priority to Japan over other war-torn countries which were Allies.

"If the United States withdraws its forces, as it will some day, leaving Japan economically strong in the midst of economically weak nations, we are laying the groundwork for another war. It is much more intelligent to build up nations which were our Allies. We should make that the first order of business and give Japan a lower priority."

## Waves Of Doubt

He said in most of the Far Eastern nations there are waves of doubt concerning the motives of the Western world. These doubts could largely be dispelled by economic rather than political statements.

A Columbia University professor told the society that the United States aid to China might eventually force this country to send arms and men "to safeguard the Government's subsidies."

Nathaniel Peffer, professor of International Relations at Columbia University, said, "We have either the choice of sending an American Army to China to take over complete control to end Communism there, or of doing nothing."

**Military Aid Danger**  
He said if the United States sent military aid to China the Russians would also put in arms and men.

"The two forces would inevitably collide and we will have launched a great war which we shall lose unless the reverse we shall inevitably suffer in the Far East are overmatched by victories in the West."

He said if a challenge must be given to Russia somewhere, it is better to accept whatever comes in China and stand in Europe where we shall have Allies on whom we can count and of whom we shall not have to feel ashamed."

Chang Hsin-hai, Director of the United Nations Association of China, said he doubted that any peace organization could succeed "unless international relations become an expression of moral sentiment strong enough to mould our actions." Chang is also Dean of the Kwanghua University in Shanghai—United Press.

**Troops Withdrawn**  
Berlin, Apr. 4.  
United States military police surrounding Soviet railroad headquarters in the American sector of Berlin were withdrawn after the Russians had yielded to American demands that they get their own armed sentries out of the building.

Eight armed Russians came peacefully out of the huge building at about 0110 this morning. The Americans left five hours later.

Some Russians still were in the building among them a general, when the Americans withdrew. But they were administration officers of the Soviet military administration's railway control.

Two hours later, three Russian officers were seen leaving the building and it was believed the Russians were gone.

When the Americans pulled out, they left only a small staff of German police posted at the entrances. The Germans said the lockdown was over.

U.S. officials asked the Russians to pull out their armed guards in a note sent last night. The military police, carrying carbines and sidearms, had kept the Russians out of the building all day yesterday. German workers had been admitted. But some 40 Russian officers and employees who tried to get in had been turned away with arms.

They were allowed only to send food in to colleagues who remained in the building—Associated Press.

# RUMPUS ON THE ROCK

By NOEL MONKS

Every day at sunset here a gun goes off, and the Gibraltarians say to each other: "Dios a bendiga"—"God bless you"—just as we do when we sneeze.

But though they bless each other, these patriotic people have no blessings in their hearts for the British Government. The Rock today is one big grouse.

It is also a haven for fugitives from Cripps' authority. As long as 2,000 of their kind stay in Ulster camps the Gibraltarians, usually jay and happy, will be gloomy and sad. As long as the Rock's three hotels are bulging with wealthy English holiday-makers, while natives are not allowed to return because of accommodation shortage, that sunset gun will be a constant reminder of grievance.

## The 'Bacon-and-Eggs'

When they were forcibly evacuated in 1942 Gibraltarians were given solemn promises that they would return on Victory Day. They have been coming back in dribs and drabs for three years—another 100 have just arrived—but it's doubtful if the 2,000 still in Northern Ireland will see their homeland again for a long time unless the Government acts.

The locals call the hundreds of English people who have invaded the Rock's hotels the "bacon-and-eggs brigade." The place is booked up into next year, and Spanish poultry farmers are making fortunes.

You can't cash a sterling note here, but any shopkeeper will accept your cheque on London if you produce your passport. The smallest Fleet in memory is in port—one cruiser, and four destroyers—but the recent arrival of 24 American warships filled the empty spaces in the harbour.

Because of the currency restrictions the American sailors received their Gibraltar currency before they came ashore, to the dismay of the shopkeepers and the cabaret proprietors.

The Americans had their disappointment too, when at ten minutes to midnight, the 30 Spanish senioritas appearing in Gb's three cabarets piled into a bus and were whisked away across the frontier.

## Cinderella Law

The only condition on which these Cinderellas are allowed to work here is that they're back over the border by midnight.

Some nights their bus is chased by determined Prince Charmings in taxis, but the police see that the senioritas always make it.

The big excitement every week on the Rock these days is the drawing of the Government lottery in the town square.

First prize is usually \$1,500 for a tin bob. Numbers are repeated in Spanish over a loudspeaker. The Government expects to make \$45,000 a year from the lottery, the cash to be devoted to the building fund.

Francis, who once boasted to Hitler that he could have Gb with a snap of his pudgy fingers, is now accepted as a good neighbour—but only by Government and Service heads.

Personally, I find the little roadside cemetery where Trafalgar's dead are buried the most inspiring spot in Gibraltar today.

corded soance went on. With the grey April dawn the sounds died away.

The story is told in The Unwilling Martyrs, by Marian B. Pond. It is published at 15s. by the "Spiritualist Press" as part of the "centenary celebrations of modern Spiritualism."

# BERLIN RETALIATIONS

(Continued from Page 1)

Patrols were also ordered to supervise traffic on the other roads leading from the Russian zone into the American sector of Berlin.

Before these moves became known, two Russian generals and other Soviet Army officers had been turned back from the Soviet railway headquarters by German military police who had sealed off this nerve centre of the German railway system since midnight.

The road block on the Potsdam Berlin road was manned by an American officer and six soldiers, helped by two German policemen and a Russian interpreter.

Russian cars travelling to Berlin turned back into the Soviet zone when they came to the block, but one vehicle, which went through when the post opened at noon, was a Russian jeep taking beer to Berlin.

Less than 30 minutes after the check post had been opened, a Russian patrol appeared at the other end of the bridge forming the boundary between the Soviet zone and the American sector.

Both the Russian and American posts allowed German vehicles to pass in both directions after drivers had shown valid papers.

Despite the American supervision of traffic on this and other roads leading from the Russian zone into the American sector of Berlin, Soviet drivers wanting to avoid showing their papers could do so by making a wide detour.

**No Sealing Off**  
Americans tonight said there was no intention of "sealing off" their sector of Berlin and Russian vehicles would be allowed through after their drivers had complied with the formality of identifying themselves.

Meanwhile, Soviet traffic restrictions have so far confined Allied passenger traffic by rail, and air and road traffic between the Western zones and Berlin was proceeding normally today.

German civilian passenger trains were seen leaving the zone, and the zones were running to timetable, and Allied military freight trains were also arriving in Berlin. But new Soviet measures to hamper road and possibly air traffic were expected by some British and Americans.

Two British military coal trains passed through the Russian zonal check point at Marienborn early today without interference. Each carrying 220 tons of coal for Berlin, they remained a short time at the British zonal boundary of Holmstedt. — Reuter, A. P. and U.P.

## Briton Arrested

A British soldier was arrested by a Soviet patrol in the Russian sector of Berlin this evening. It was officially reported. He was released after being questioned for two hours.

## THE WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMOIRS ARE ON THE WAY



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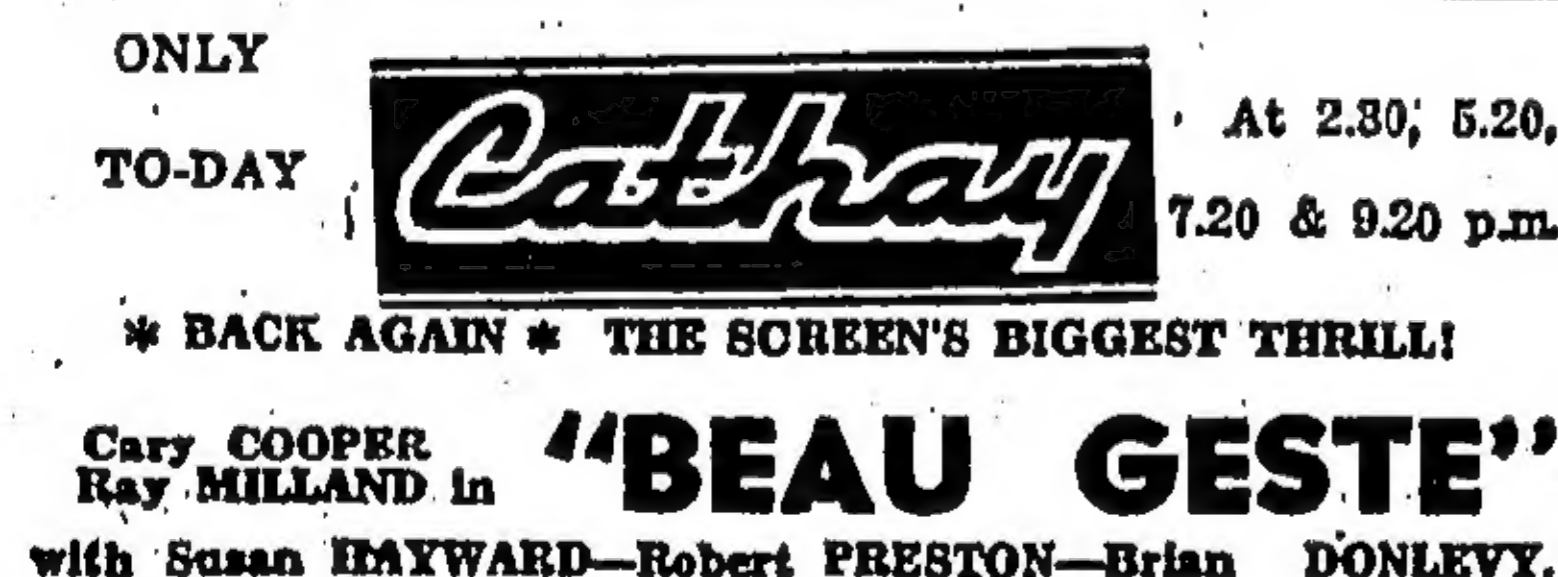
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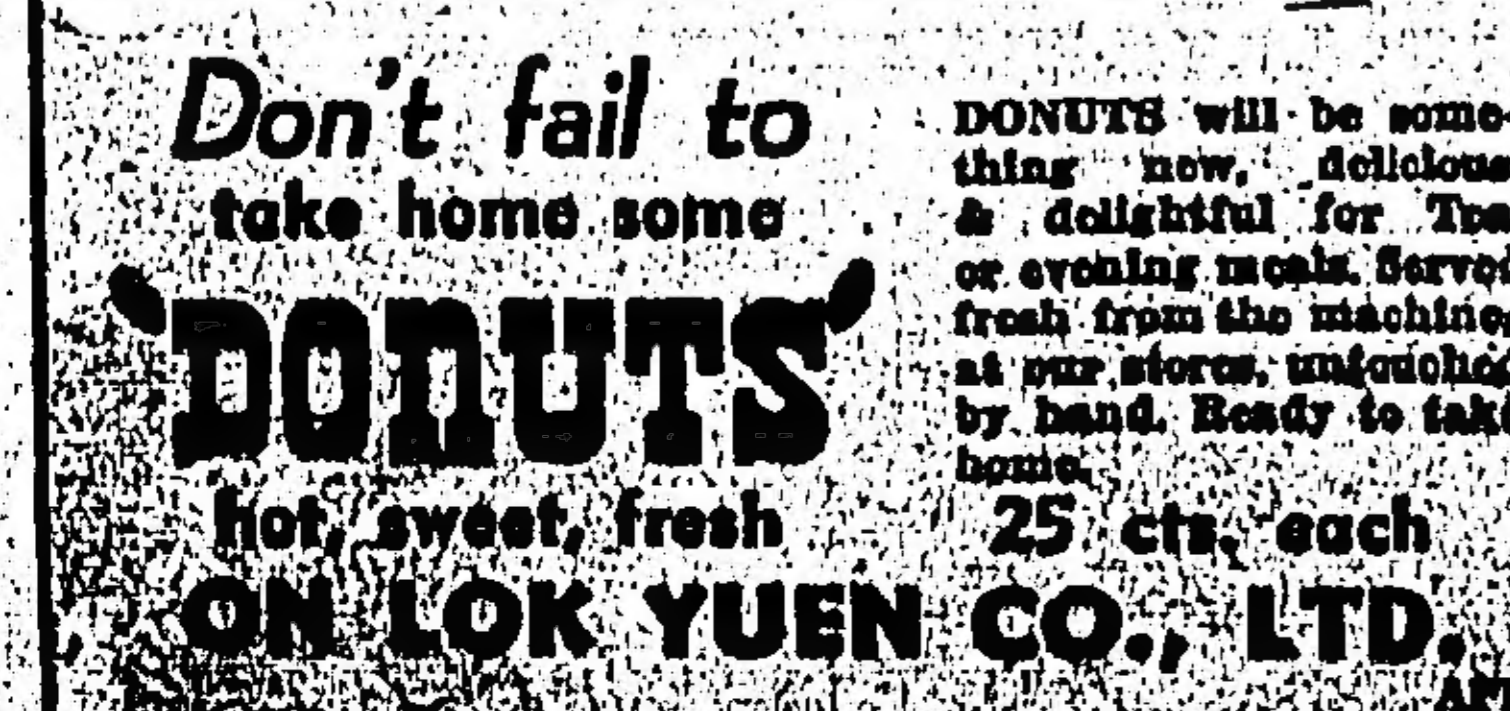
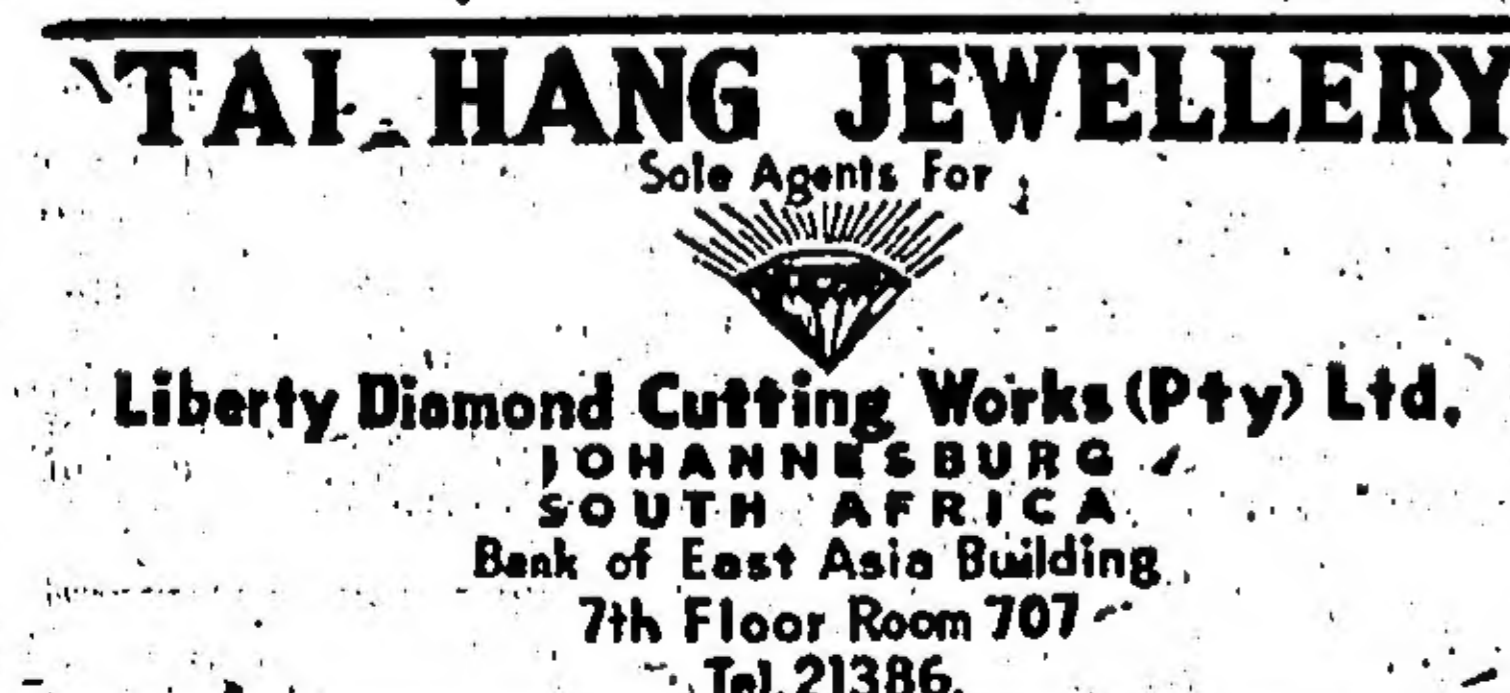
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# WALLACE CALLS TRUMAN SPEECH "A SERIOUS ERROR" Nazis, Communists 'Quite Different'

New Haven, Conn., Apr. 4.

Henry A. Wallace said last night that President Truman's recent speech likening the international situation to that which prevailed in 1941 "was a serious error."

The Third Party presidential candidate said in a speech prepared for delivery at the founding convention of the Progressive Party of Connecticut:

"It is a matter of life or death to millions of us to understand just how wrong Mr. Truman is in this comment on recent and current history."

Mr. Truman said in a speech in Washington on Monday that there are certain things which are worse than war. One of them is slavery.

"That is what we were faced with in 1940 and 1941. We are faced with almost exactly the same situation today," Mr. Truman said.

In reply, Mr. Wallace said "the men who make the statement that the situations in 1941 and 1948 are almost exactly the same are trying, first of all, to sell the idea that Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia are almost identical."

That, he said, "is not only a stupid statement. It is a criminal statement. It is a myth. It was created by men who know that Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia are quite different."

Unlike the Fascist dictatorships, he said, "the Russians have no necessity to expand

their borders, nor will they for many decades to come, except as external threats and pressures compel them to seek military security."

Wallace added that "when we have stopped the circulation of the myth we shall find we can live at peace with Russia without jeopardizing our own hopes for an economy of abundance based on a system of progressive capitalism in a democratic society."

The Presidential aspirant also lashed out at George Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, who on Thursday criticized what he described as Wallace's "misinterpretation of our foreign policy aims."

Wallace said "with millions of fellow Americans, I'll be embarrassed when George Allen, directing the 'Voice of America,' tells the world that we are against interference in the affairs of sovereign states, that we are against intimidation, that we detest coercion."

"Thirst For Profits" Referring to Allen's two-year tenure as Ambassador to Iran, Wallace said the Iranian "Army and police force, which received Mr. Allen's fatherly care, has no possible military value against a foreign power. Its purpose is to keep the landless peasants landless, to smash the trade unions and to protect the oil interests of our foreign oil companies."

Wallace added that the "thirst for profits from oil of huge corporations is being quenched by a foreign policy which ignores human values. It is not only Iran and Italy; there is our openly sordid policy with regard to Palestine."—Associated Press.

# "Lincolns" On Test Flight

Tripoli, Apr. 3.

Six Avro Lincoln bombers on a long range operational bombing manoeuvre took off from Castel Benito airfield Saturday for Shalutin, the Royal Air Force installation near Suiz.

The bombers engaged on Friday in a practice run against mock interception by R. A. F. "Spitfires" over a small target island south of Malta.

The bombers are beginning a four-week course which is part of R. A. F. operation started six months ago in Egypt.

Squadron Leader D. L. Wilson, who arrived in the first plane at Tripoli Friday, was greeted by Group Captain Kirkpatrick, whom he had last met in 1930. The planes started their flight to Suiz from Binbrook, England; their ground crews are traveling in "Dakotas" and "Yorks".

# Heaven On The Afghans?

Tehran, Apr. 3.

Persia may consult the United Nations on her belief that the Hermand River, which rises in Afghanistan and flows into Persia, is being dammed by the Afghans to the detriment of agriculture in Sistan province.

The gravity of the situation in Sistan has been confirmed by Persian and American agricultural advisers.

The Afghan Government has stated officially that the drying up of the river was due to a general drought, for which heaven alone must be held responsible.

Recent Persian reports spoke of the building of a new dam in Afghanistan, which would stop all water flowing from the Hermand into Persia and cause "irreversible disaster" to the inhabitants of Sistan province.—Reuter.

# STAR

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To-morrow, April 6th-7th "THE KILLERS" Starring Robert Montgomery John Wayne

# Joe Louis Says It's Not True

Paris, Apr. 4.

Joe Louis flatly denied on Saturday that he had stolen the affections of a minister's wife.

"There's no truth to it," he said, calmly eating breakfast at noon in his Champs Elysees hotel.

The world heavyweight champion said he had met Mattie Faulkner, wife of the Reverend Matthew C. Faulkner, several times but had only gone to one party at which she was present.

"That was at the December 11 opening of the Ebony Club on 52nd Street."

Louis said that was "the first time he had gone out of the house after his December 5 fight with Joe Walcott "because I was nursing a black eye." He did not see the pretty negro model again, he said because he left on December 18 for Chicago.

Joe said: "I don't remember having seen her in November."

Asked about the minister's charge that Louis and his agent Marshall Miles had given his wife \$30,000, Joe denied this and said: "I didn't even pay the check that night" (at the night club opening).

Louis said the minister had filed a divorce suit against his wife in New York in January but had withdrawn it.

Louis fights Walcott on June 23. "I'll be my last fight" he said.—Associated Press.

# Gestapo Chief On Trial

The Hague, Apr. 3.

The president of the Dutch court trying General Hans Albin Rauter, former Gestapo Chief, for the murder of Dutch Jews and partisans, said today that partial judgment would be pronounced on April 15.

Full judgment would probably follow in four weeks time, he added.

General Rauter, in court today, suggested he be permitted to place himself at the Dutch Government's disposal so that his death might remove the "hate between the Dutch and German peoples." He claimed he was not a war criminal.

As a German general, he did not recognise the jurisdiction of the court and was not fighting for his life, only for his "honour" and justification of his subordinates' actions.—Reuter.

# New Job For Bisset

Melbourne, Apr. 3.

Sir James Bisset, Commodore of the Cunard Line until his retirement a year ago, has accepted an executive post with the Australian Motorist Petrol Company Limited.

Sir James and Lady Bisset will live in Sydney. Sir James commanded the "Queen Mary" and "Queen Elizabeth"—the world's biggest liners—and carried some 600,000 Allied troops without losing a man through enemy action.—Reuter.

# MORE ARRESTS IN CALCUTTA

Calcutta, Apr. 3.

More than 80 people were arrested here today, making over 200 arrests in two days in the stay-in strike by civil servants, who are refusing to move out of their offices after closing time. The 124 arrested persons yesterday were all released on bail. Today's 80 were found in offices which had closed by the weekend.

The strikers, members of the Federation of Central Government Employees Unions which claims 17,000 members in Calcutta, downed pens for increased pay and against the re-employment of the civil service without an offer of alternative jobs.

They were acting in defiance of a warning by Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister, that strikers would be dismissed.

Indian police continued their drive against the Communists and have arrested 69 people in the East Punjab, a Simla report said. This followed the arrest of some 80 Communists in Bombay and Poona yesterday and earlier arrests in New Delhi and Madras, and in West Bengal.

In Bombay, about 10,000 workers in three textile mills came out as a protest against the arrest of Communist leaders by the Bombay Government yesterday.—Reuter.

# BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

NOW OR NEVER MOTTO "Now or never" is a good motto for a defender when the crucial moment is at hand. Your opportunity to defeat a contract may come at any stage of the play. If you don't seize upon it that very instant, you may not have another chance. For much of bridge is a matter of correct timing of doing first things first and second things second, etc. Your one and only turn to strike a real lick for your side may even come on the very first trick.

S. K. J. 5 2 H. 9 8 4 D. 7 6 5 C. J. 9 8 6

S. 10 6 4 3 H. K. Q. J. 2 D. J. 10 4 3 2 C. None

S. A. Q. 9 H. 3 D. A. 9 C. Q. 10 5 4 3 2

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable) South West North East I. C. Pass 1 S 2 H 4 C 4 H 5 C Dbl

West opened the K of his partner's hearts and East, having the A signed with the high to ask for a repeat of the suit. Right there he kicked away all chance to beat the contract.

West obediently repeated hearts with the J, which South happily ruffed with the club 2. He sent the club K to the A, won the returned diamond K, with the "A" took out the last trump with the club Q and on the spades discarded his losing diamond.

East's own hand held a positive second winning trick in the trump A and a secondary probable winner in his diamonds if the suit could get led before the club A was gone. His job was to overtake the heart K with the A and switch to his diamond K. That would have removed South's A and set up East's Q. The only doubt then would have been whether South had a second diamond or a second heart, with the diamond being far the more likely.

TOMORROW'S PROBLEM S. K. 10 7 2 H. K. 10 6 5 D. 10 6 C. J. 9 2

S. K. 10 7 2 H. K. 10 6 5 D. 10 6 C. J. 9 2

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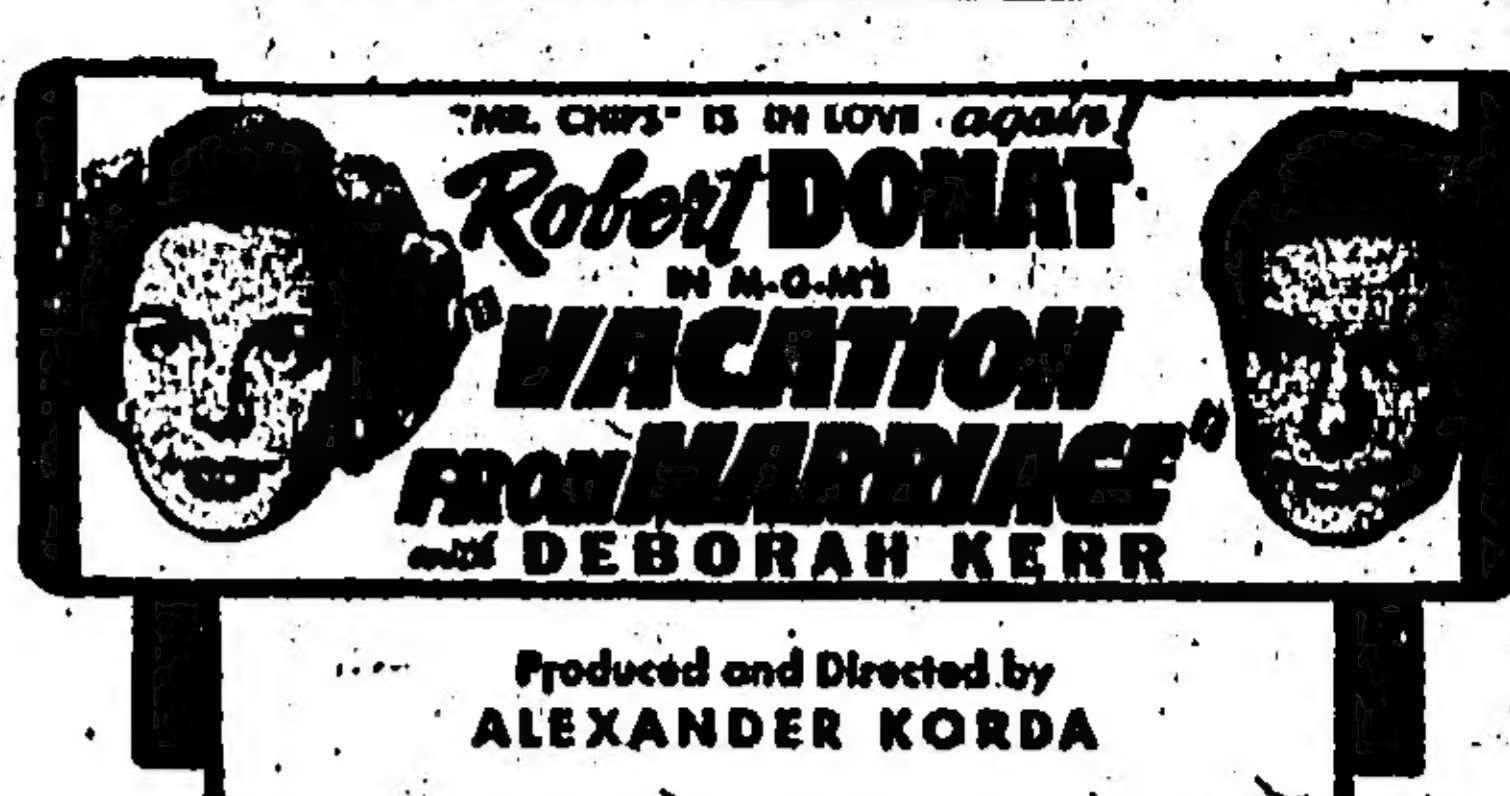
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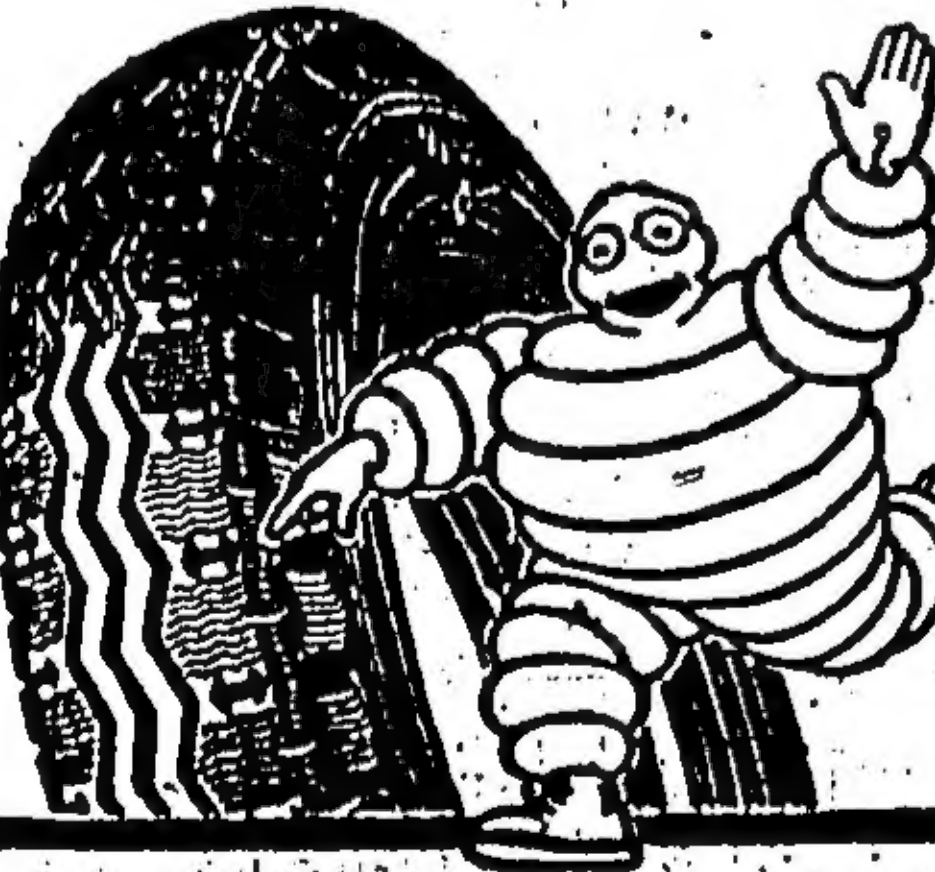
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## GLOBAL AID

With a speed almost unknown in peacetime, President Truman yesterday signed the US\$6,000,000,000 "Stop Russia" foreign aid bill, making it law less than 24 hours after Congress rushed it through to final approval. "This measure," he told the world in a statement, "is America's answer to the challenge facing the free world today."

This, after 10 months of debating, is an unprecedented global aid programme for Europe and Asia—America's biggest aid operation since the wartime lend-lease. Russia is pledged to wreck the whole thing if she can and diplomats expect rough Russian counteraction.

The gigantic task of shoring up Western Europe, the Middle East and China against Russia will start this morning on a high-speed emergency schedule. The U.S. State Department presumably will be in charge at the start. Five nations stand to benefit from the very first expenditures. They are Italy, France, Austria, Greece and the Netherlands, where the need is great and the dollar supply low. First shipments to them under the new law probably will be food, fuel and some industrial materials. In the conflict between Russia and the Western Powers, Italy's situation is considered the most critical at the moment.

The new law is a broader measure than the President originally asked for but, except in one point, is in line with the Administration's foreign policy recommendations to Congress. The one exception is a provision in the section on aid for China. Congress ruled that out of the US\$463,000,000 assigned to China for the next 12 months, US\$125,000,000 may be spent for military equipment.

For Greece and Turkey the law authorises an expenditure during the 12 months of US\$275,000,000 in military equipment. Both these countries will get their economic help as members of the seventeen cooperating European Nations (including Western Germany) in the Marshall Plan, or European Recovery Programme.

The US\$5,300,000,000 authorised for the Marshall Plan will be available for expenditure over the next four and a quarter years but it is expected to be used up in the 12 months beginning April 1. Early next year Congress will review the whole operation and decide how much more money may be needed.

The measure the President signed appropriated no funds and the Administration must go before Congress soon and ask for the actual cash.

The bill did, however, authorise an advance of US\$1,000,000,000 from the RFC to finance the initial aid to Europe and US\$100,000,000 to get the goods going to the Middle East and China so there will be no delay on that score in starting the operations.

## GOING DOWN

Wiesbaden, Apr. 3. A French Air Force pilot, flying in formation with 14 other planes over Germany, today bailed out to avoid a possible collision with the other planes when his altimeter failed.

The pilot found himself flying upside down in a thick cloud, he said, after landing. He parachuted 7,000 feet through heavy clouds. His plane crashed ten miles northwest of Stuttgart.

## Sunday Was Spoiled By An R.A.F. Raid

One can hardly buy an orange today without answering one of those absurd questionnaires. It is high time this was stopped. King Boris of Bulgaria, earlier described by Goebbels as a "crafty fellow" expressed a wish to talk with me at leisure. Our talk, which was intended to take only 20 minutes, lasted more than two hours.

## People's King

He is a real people's king. He travels incognito through Bulgarian villages to learn about the sentiment of the people. The king is extraordinarily charming, and has returned from the Fuehrer full of new ideas, suggestions, and enterprises. Boris is an impassioned devotee of Hitler's genius as a leader, he really looks upon him as a sort of emissary of God.

He shows the greatest understanding for my work. I am really surprised at how much he knows. Indeed, he even told me that he uses the arguments advanced in my articles in all his diplomatic negotiations.

Salvors are extremely interested in them and agree with them completely. I am happy. March 30: MacArthur is being praised more and more in the United States like a general in the movies.

I am having this gentleman in the next few days by air propaganda services. The Americans are trying to blow him up into the greatest general of this war.

## A Danger

Cripps is hoping for success in India within about fortnight. He is proceeding rather cleverly, and there is a danger that he may actually succeed in attaching India once more to England's apron strings.

I therefore ordered our propaganda to be reversed to some extent. We are now taking the line that the German people won't be greatly disappointed if a compromise is worked out in India.

The Sunday has been thoroughly spoiled by an exceptionally heavy air raid by the R.A.F. on Luebeck.

I was the victim of the seriousness of the situation by a long-distance call from Kaufmann [The gauleiter]. He believes that no German city has ever before been attacked so severely from the air. Conditions are in part chaotic.

Immediately afterwards the Fuehrer called me from G.H.Q. He took the matter of caring for bomb-damaged areas out of my hands and the Ministry of the Interior and conferred sweeping powers on me.

By midnight everything was arranged that could possibly be done. March 31: Cripps has made public the British plan for the pacification of India.

It is the old trick—exactly the same that England tried during World War I: after the war had ended, the British Empire was divided, but it will be for individual States of India to decide whether to join or not.

That makes it possible for England either not to keep her promise, at all, which is most likely, or, alternatively, to play off one Indian State against the other and thereby condemn the entire plan to sterility.

It is quite clear that this mess has been cooked up in Churchill's kitchen.

The situation at Luebeck is far from pleasant. Eighty per cent. of the old part of the city must be considered lost. Stupendous numbers of works of art have fallen victims to the British craze for destruction.

April 1: I cannot imagine that Churchill expected a real operational success at St. Nazaire. The man on the street felt the need for some sort of offensive action, and so, although very serious sacrifices were involved, Churchill started it as a propaganda affair.

But as the English were chased home, with bloody heads (in so far as they got home at all), he will presumably think twice in future before setting out on such ventures.

The Russian civilian population is to be drafted on a very large scale to work in Germany. That means, of course, they must be fed better than Russian prisoners have been so far. Also, of course, they must be given certain privileges, or their performance will not be satisfactory.

April 2: Fortunately the destruction of works of art at Luebeck has not reached quite the proportions which we had at first feared.

St. Mary's Church has been completely destroyed, and with it the great organ, the altar, and the famous paintings. "The Dance of Death."

Only the little tabernacle and two paintings by Overbeck were salvaged from this church. Nothing could be saved from St. Peter's Church.

The cathedral has been destroyed, only the altar by Men-



ling and the "Cross of Triumph" by Bern Nolke could be saved. St. Jacob's Church, St. Catherine's Church, and St. Ann's Museum are unharmed, and the city library and archives have been saved.

The Hospital of the Holy Ghost also remains unscathed. The Burg Gate and the Holsten Gate are still standing. St. Aegidia's Church is only slightly damaged.

The most important big patrician houses have all been destroyed.

A secret report from the United States report that there is an extraordinarily bad situation obtains in the Soviet Union.

Stalin can scarcely master the food problem. Morale has sunk far below zero. I don't believe the report is too pessimistic.

We must not place too great hopes on developments in France. I consider the French people sick and worn-out.

The French must be put on ice. As soon as they flatter them, they might interpret it.

Keep them on tenterhooks and they will see reason much sooner.

April 3: Observers in the United States report that there isn't the slightest enthusiasm for the war. Roosevelt announced that he intends to endogenise enthusiasm by military parades. He might just as well have elected to march through the streets.

April 4: The English claim they dropped one thousand-pound bombs on Luebeck. The damage is really enormous. I have been shown a newspaper of the destruction. It is horrible.

Thank God, it is a North German population, which, on the whole, is much tougher than the Germans in the south or southwest.

Nevertheless, we can't get away from the fact that the English air raids have increased in scope and importance. If they can be continued for weeks along these lines, their moral effect conceivably have a demoralising effect on the population.

April 5: The Foreign Office still opposes publishing news about the torpedoing of Norwegian ships which were trying to go from Sweden to England.

The Foreign Office claims that negotiations are under way which will make Swedish policy harder to see or the other way round.

The Swedes seriously intend to resist actively if the British attack Sweden.

It remains to be seen whether this will actually happen. In any case, that is the impression they are now trying to give us. Consequently, it is extraordinarily difficult to comment officially on their insolence in wanting to surrender the Norwegian ships under their control to the English.

I now consider it necessary to let the German people know the reasons for the daily and nightly air raids on Malta.

Not Interested

We should frankly tell the German people that we are not interested in conquering Malta, but merely in interfering as far as possible with the supply lines for North Africa. Which is the truth anyhow.

Dorothy Thompson (the American columnist) delivered an absolutely insane speech against Hitler.

It is humiliating and irritating that such idiotic females, whose brains can contain only of straw, have the right to speak to the public against an historic figure of the greatness of the Fuehrer. I have proposed to the Fuehrer that he should forbid German women to visit the Pope. These visits have really become a public danger.

The Pope is clever enough to use these things for obvious propaganda. That's why this event must be stopped.

April 6: I discussed the possibilities of camouflage of our impending offensive. Unfortunately the eyes of all international observers are turned towards the southern sector of the Eastern Front; in other words, the very point where the first offensive action is to take place.

The task of German propaganda will therefore consist of diverting the attention of the Eastern Front for a week, and then after that dispatch him to Portugal with exact instructions.

He is there to attempt to divert attention into another direction by spreading rumours. I don't know yet whether he will succeed, but in any case Kriegel is talkative enough to carry out a task of this kind with a certain virtuosity.

Hunger in Russia

April 7: From Lisbon news that the internal situation in the Soviet Union is desperate. Hunger is rampant to an unimaginable degree.

Unless Stalin soon achieves military successes on a huge scale, the Soviet system is doomed to collapse. There is no doubt some truth in this analysis.

April 8: I complained about the exceptionally poor reporting of the English attack on St. Nazaire. It missed the "bus" completely.

Only Reader knows everything that is happening within the navy. The Fuehrer knows only part of it and others only a small part. That won't do.

Gluttony

Gluttony in foreign missions here is creating a lot of bad blood.

Thus a reception was recently held in the Croatian Legation at which 1,000 of our people prominent in State, party, and Wehrmacht stuffed their bellies.

This is so unworthy and shameful that something must be done against it.

I demanded that the Foreign Office should reduce diplomatic rations and especially cut the allocation of petrol down drastically, since certain diplomats have recently been getting themselves petrol girl-friends with whom they go on week-end excursions into the country.

This naturally causes severe criticism by the public.

Diplomats should adjust themselves to the general usages of the country. They have no right to live the lives of drones at our expense, more especially when they represent Powers which are fighting the war on our side.

The Americans have launched a naval building programme in the columns of the neutral Press which is nothing short of grotesque. But we know what to think of American statistics.

Churchill delivered his speech in the House during the afternoon. His language is exceptionally modest.

Nevertheless, I don't believe that English morale is in any way rotten at the core. The English can stand a lot of beating before they become rebellious and do things.

Churchill certainly is the mouthpiece of the English people in as far as his imperturbability, his bragging and even his naive lying are concerned.

The Englishman regards a lie as "immoral" for him it is only

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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## A "One-Man Crime Wave" Caught

By IAN COLVIN

They have caught Flannellus—Walter Bingleston—the one-man crime wave, so called because he used to leave his boots in the garden two houses away from his sleeping quarters.

Lieut. Colonel Joshua, Owner of Public Safety, was losing sleep over Flannellus's case. The night reports came in: "Air Commodore Walter's blue greatcoat had been taken from the post Captain N. V. Dickinson, Senior Naval Officer, missed two cameras, and Brigadier W. R. N. 'Luney' Hinde, the Deputy Military Governor, had his family silver swiped. These are only a few of the Flannellus cases."

## "Wisp Little Man"

The wisp little German of 22 used to take the last underground train into the British sector every night and wander about in the dark, looking for houses with the well-known store and chintz curtains, and Union Jacks painted on the gables.

Flannellus worked with a diamond on window panes; he would let himself in by the case and slip out to a neighbouring ruin with it.

Next morning he would catch the first underground train back to the Russian sector, where he disposed of his loot in the Polish-Jewish quarter because these shopkeepers are of Polish nationality and cannot be interfered with by the German police.

One night Flannellus couldn't quite squeeze through the window bars into a house. He undressed in the garden, passed his clothes in through the window and just managed to pass through the light-inch gap by the skin of his teeth. Inside he dressed again, collected his takings and left by the front door.

Colonel MacQueen, of Canada,

asked a brother officer to sleep in his house when he went on leave. When the watch-keeping officer woke up one morning, his own cigarettes and wallet had gone from the bedside table.

"That was a delectable job," said Flannellus smiling. "It made me uneasy when he turned over in his sleep."

"Please, Mum, the burglar's come," announced the housemaid, and into Mrs. Dickinson's house little Flannellus, in hand-cuffs, was led by the police to check his story. A stolen greatcoat muffled him down to his ankles. She wished that she had her camera back, if only to photograph him.

"Yes, these were all my jobs," said Flannellus proudly, running his finger down some 40 burglaries committed in British houses within about six weeks. How was he caught?

A Control Commission officer suffering from insomnia saw a small grey figure stealing like a ghost into the garden of the neighbouring house, appropriately enough that of Mr. K. D. Freeman, the Chief Legal Officer of Berlin, who was away on leave.

Resourceful Red Cap

The stalwart in pyjamas dialled 02, and with ten minutes the Redcaps were there. Three times they searched the house and found no sign of the intruder.

It was pitch dark outside. The bare stop flies offered no foothold over for a Flannellus. The M.P.s scratched their heads, and then the resourceful corporal withdrew his men into the shrubbery all round the house. They strained their eyes up at the dim outline of the chimney pots. Minutes later Flannellus, standing flat against a chimney stack moved a hair's breadth.

"There he is," the shout went and the M.P.s inside the upstairs again like a rugby pack. Flannellus will peer no more through the chintz curtains.

a political weapon, if it seems opportune he uses it cynically and unscrupulously.

## Too Loudly

April 15: Takekawa, the Japanese Ambassador in Soviet Russia spoke too loudly in Tokyo about condition in the Soviet Union. Our Ambassador objected, and as a result the Japanese Foreign Office has censured him and called him to order.

Interrogation of English prisoners of war at St. Nazaire indicates that our propaganda in England has been more effective than we imagined.

The English pay more attention, however, to news than to argument. I conclude from this that all our foreign language broadcasts, especially those beamed to England, must be changed fundamentally. This is no longer the time for long discussions.

I am particularly stressing news in the foreign language broadcasting services, but am ageing to it that news items are properly slanted.

I have received an exhaustive report about internal conditions in Sweden.

Sentiment for the Reich has decreased. I believe the chief reason for this is our weak diplomacy.

Of course, it can't be denied that events in Norway are having considerable effect upon Swedish sentiment.

The Church fight started by Terborgh and Quisling seems as superfluous to me as a gaffe.

It would have been better if we had taken Sweden too during our campaign in the North. This State has no right to national existence anyway.

Vichy Situation

The situation in Vichy has now been clarified enough to show that in all likelihood Laval will

enter the Government in a few days as Prime Minister. This is a tremendous advantage for us.

April 16: Roosevelt delivered a speech in which he said the war was likely to last two or three years.

Nevertheless he still believes firmly in victory. His arguments to support this view are very thin and without substance.

April 17: Our arms and munitions situation is exceptionally strained. On the other side, however, things are undoubtedly the same. Nevertheless there is cause for some alarm.

We took the matter of arms and munitions production far too lightly and now have to pay for it.

I had a long talk with Dr. Ley. He told me his impressions of sentiment among the people and showed he had some pretty strong illusions; I cured him effectively of these.

Dr. Ley hasn't the faintest inkling of what's happening among the people, although he is constantly travelling about among plants and factories.

I considered it my duty to open his eyes, and did so very successfully.

April 18: Laval is developing into the most sensational and mysterious personality of present-day international politics.

The enemy powers worry more and more about him. They already have visions of the French Fleet operating in the Mediterranean with the Italian and the German fleets.

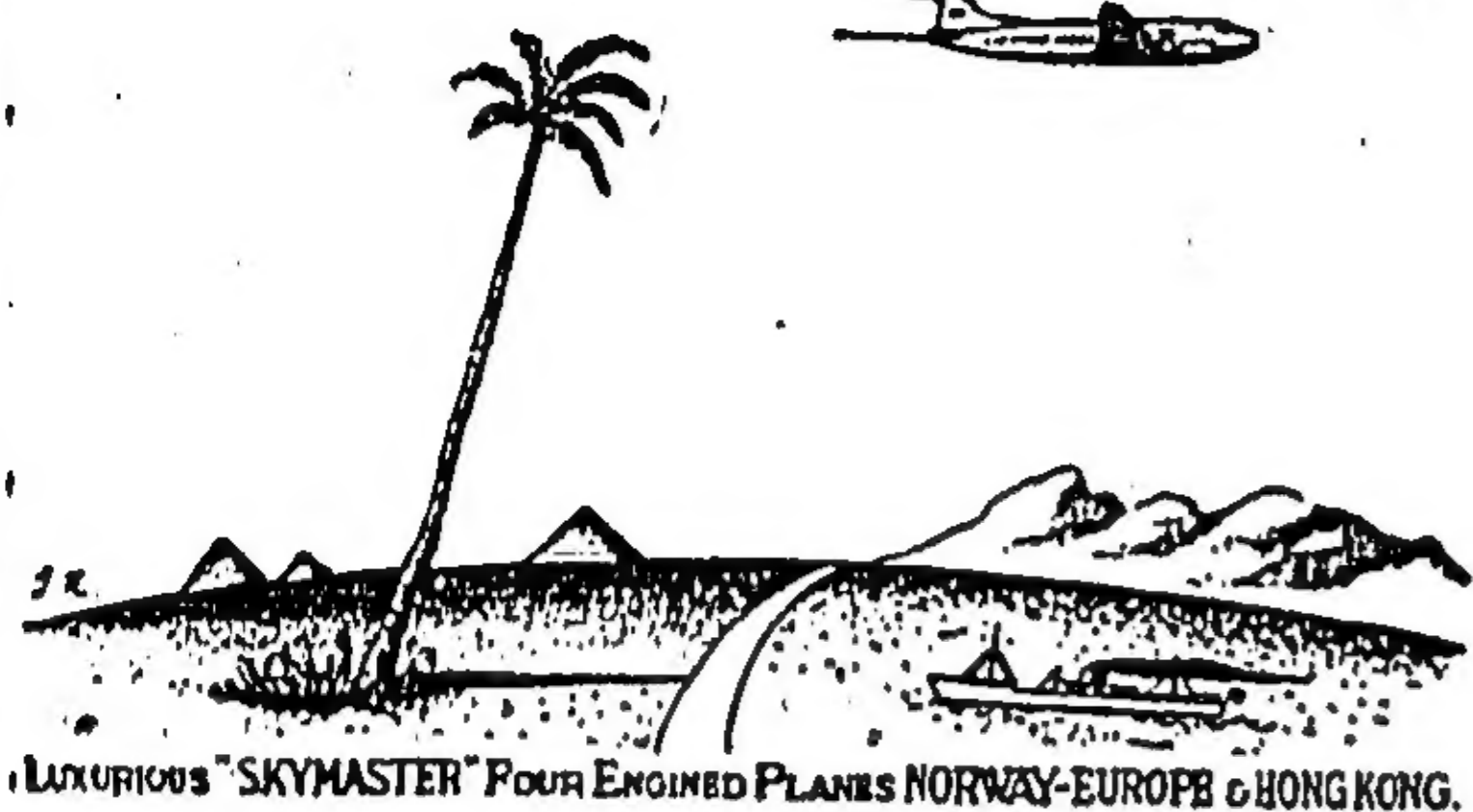
They see Malta and Alexandria lost.

Queer Conception

April 19: At the northern end of the central Eastern Front the Balkan forces have been including in some curious loud-speaker propaganda.

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# Truman Signs U.S. Aid Bill

## American Answer To Red Challenge

### A Momentous Occasion

Washington, Apr. 3.

President Truman today signed the \$6,098,000,000 global aid bill, calling it America's answer to the "challenge facing the free world." Sitting at his desk in the Oval Room of the White House, President Truman used a dozen pens to put his name on the legislation that will set in motion the greatest programme of economic help ever attempted.

Within 36 hours, under the direction of the State Department, the project will have its start. It will provide a vast flow of factory and farm goods to 16 nations in Western Europe; military aid for Greece and Turkey; and a combination of economic and military aid for China.

The purpose is to bolster the recovery of those countries and thus to stop Communism and avert chaos.

The man who ten months ago conceived the basic idea of United States aid to world recovery was not present to see it become a reality. He is the Secretary of State, George Marshall, who is attending the Inter-American Conference at Bogota, Colombia. He was represented at the ceremony by the Under-Secretary of State, Robert Lovett.

In Bogota, Marshall expressed his gratification at the enactment of ERP. He said: "I am very much pleased to see how rapidly the discussion was brought to a favourable conclusion. At this particular time the action of the Congress on this matter is of tremendous importance to the entire world."

As he signed it, President Truman commanded the Congress for speeding the measure through. "Few Presidents have had the opportunity to sign legislation of such importance. Our programme of foreign aid, perhaps, is the greatest venture in constructive statesmanship that any nation has undertaken. It is an outstanding example of cooperative endeavour for the common good. It is the best answer this country can make in reply to the vicious and distorted misrepresentations in our efforts to succeed."

The President added, "This measure is America's answer to the challenge facing the free world today. This is a momentous occasion in the world's quest for an enduring peace."

Actually no money is appropriated. The present law merely authorizes it. But by Presidential order, the State Department will start at once to administer the programme. For the next 30 days it will use a \$1,000,000,000 "loan" from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to buy goods and begin shipping them.

**The Urgent List**

The State Department said the first recipients will be France, Austria, Italy, Greece and the Netherlands. This is an urgent list. Goods for these five nations probably will start moving on Monday. By the end of 30 days it is expected that a permanent administrator will be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate to take over the gigantic assistance job.

Paul G. Hoffman, President of the Studebaker Corp., dominated speculation for the \$20,000 per year job.

The \$463,000,000 aid bill for China will provide economic and military assistance to the anti-Communist Government of Chiang Kai-shek. If Chiang wishes, \$125,000,000 of the total may be used to supply China with United States guns, munitions and military advice.

Virtually the entire Cabinet and House and Senate leaders were present when Truman signed the bill. He gave each of them one of the pens he used.—United Press.

## Italy And The UNO

Lake Success, Apr. 3.

The United States, Britain and France today asked that Italy's application for United Nations membership, twice vetoed by Russia, be reconsidered immediately.

The Three Western Powers also asked for Security Council reconsideration of Trans-Jordan's twice-vetoed application. But it was the Italian move that caused a greater stir because of the effect that it might have on the Italian elections.

The request for a review of Italy's bid for UN membership has been predicted ever since the three Western Powers, asked for the return of Trieste to Italian sovereignty.

A note to the Council President, Dr. Alfonso Lopez of Colombia, said the applications are being brought up again at this time because a special Palestine session of the 57-nation UN General Assembly is called for April 16.

The General Assembly has the final say on the admission of new members but they must be first recommended by the Council, where the Big Power veto applies. The Italian move puts Russia in a ticklish spot since another veto might well alienate Communist voters in the election.—United Press.



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## John L. Lewis Blamed For Walk-Out

Washington, Apr. 3.

President Truman today directed the Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, to seek a court order under the Taft-Hartley Labour Act to end the three-weeks' old soft coal strike. President Truman also released the report of his fact-finding board on the dispute.

The board blamed Mr. John L. Lewis individually for causing the walk-out and said that he took action in the form of "communications to the officers and members of the union which induced them to take concerted action to stop work."

"We find the stoppage was not an independent action by the miners. Their stoppage has precipitated a crisis in the industry and in the nation as a whole."

Under the Taft-Hartley Labour Act, this "crisis" is the basis for the Government seeking the court order.

A short time before the President issued his order, Mr. Lewis told his 400,000 Union miners that they could do as they pleased about returning to work.

In a message to the members of the United Mineworkers Union, Mr. Lewis said: "Any action or decision which you may care to take continues to be entirely for your own determination."

"I now repeat you are not under, and have never been under, any orders from me or any union officers to cease work."

Mr. Lewis had contended that the 400,000 miners left the pits because they were unwilling to work after a dispute between Mr. Lewis and the soft coal operators over the payment of pension of \$100 a month to the miners.

**Laid Off**  
More than 5,000 New York Central Railroad workers were laid off today, bringing to over 61,000 those made jobless in Allied industries by the soft coal strike.

## ELEANOR AT WINDSOR

Windsor, Bats, Apr. 3.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who is to be the guest of the King and Queen for the weekend, arrived at Windsor Castle today. Queen Mary, Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill, will be present at the dinner given in her honour tonight.

Mrs. Roosevelt has come to Britain to unveil a statue of President Roosevelt in London on April 12.—Reuter.

## Intolerable "Half-Way House"

Frankfurt, Apr. 3.

A British Member of Parliament said on Saturday the time has come for the Western Allies to ignore Germany's Allied Control Council.

"We must now recognize there are two different worlds and take the consequences," Richard Crossman, Labour member for Coventry told a Frankfurt press conference. "The present half-way house is intolerable."

"Germany belongs to the West and we cannot go on waiting," Crossman said. He urged immediate formation of a German national assembly leaving seats empty "for those in the East who are not yet with us."

Crossman said he saw the possibility of ultimate agreement with the Russians on Germany "by a process of exhaustion." He said the Western Allies should remain in Berlin "so long as we sacrifice nothing of what we are doing here."—Associated Press.

## Minute Planning For Royal Tour

London, Apr. 4.

Only a major military operation demands more elaborate minute planning than a full scale Royal tour such as the forthcoming one to Australia and New Zealand. So say members of the King's household who do the work.

The King, Queen and Princess Margaret will not sail for Australia until early next year but the administrative and clerical staff is leaving before the Royal party to prepare the way.

All that experience and foresight can do to prevent hitches during the visit will be done in the drawing rooms of Buckingham and St. James Palaces. The working corps fancies military analogy. They term their work "Operation Antipodes," with Sir Alan Lascelles, the King's private secretary, as the Chief of Staff.

It was much the same before the 1947 venture, a full year's planning being one of the best guarantees of its success.

Even such a brief visit as that which Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip will pay to Paris for five days in May calls for some advance work although the Palace officials said "it will be a quick and simple trip involving no long discussions and a minimum of fanfare and fuss."

The Royal couple have no language difficulty, as both speak French fluently.

**"Do's And Don'ts"**  
The King's men have despatched "do's" and "don'ts" to the Australian and New Zealand Governments. There are tips on how to address Their Majesties and the Princess when presented; how to bow properly to the Sovereigns and when and where to courtesy to the Queen, and the Princess. By express wish of the Queen the courtesy will be optional as it was in South Africa.

Because of the gauges of Australian railway lines in different states, a standard type of Royal Train is not possible and the Royal Visitors will rely on air and motor travel.

Certainly it is held unlikely that a special train would be built in Britain and shipped to Australia.—Associated Press.

## Italians Seize A Gun-Runner

Rome, Apr. 3.

With the crucial election just 15 days away, the police today seized a ship running sub-machine guns and rifles into Italy from Yugoslavia. There is little doubt that they were destined for Italy's Communists.

The angry Communists rioted when the police impounded the ship at Molfetta. Led by the Communist Mayor, Matteo Altomare, the crowd tried to break through the police lines guarding the vessel and demanded that the arms be unloaded.

The police charged, swinging rifle butts and night sticks and broke up the demonstration.

A bystander was injured when a police tommygun was discharged accidentally.

The Customs Police at Molfetta, Adriatic port in South Italy, said the ship's cargo included 300 cases of sub-machine guns and rifles, more than 10,000 hand grenades, a "huge quantity" of rifle ammunition, and an immense variety of small ammunition.

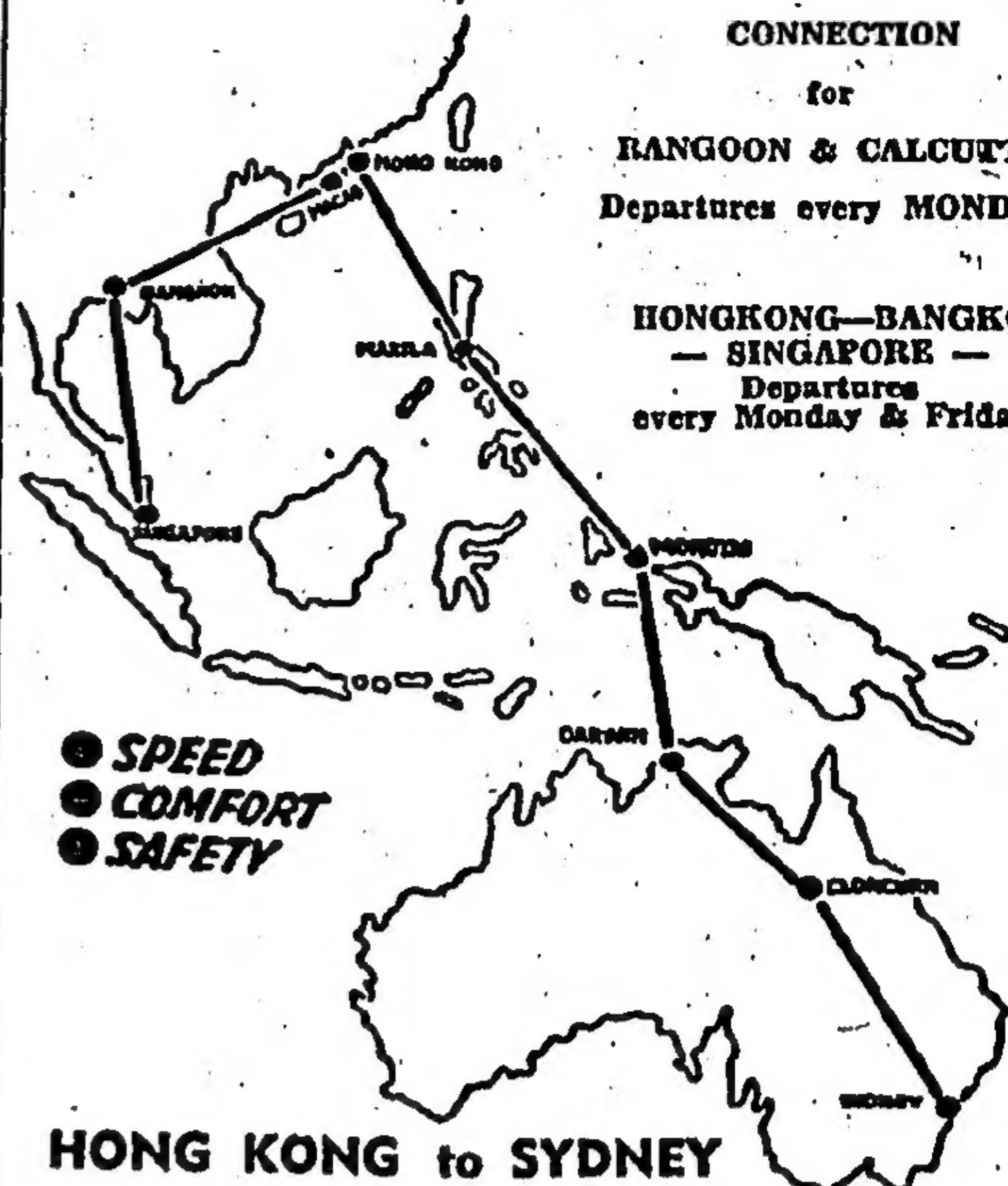
The police identified the ship as the 400-ton motorship "Lino," an Italian vessel registered in Rome.—Reuter.

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# World Freedom Of Thought And Of Expression Reporters' Right Of Access To Sources Of Information

Geneva, Apr. 3.

Against stubborn Soviet opposition, the United States today drove through the Freedom of Information conference here a six-point resolution asserting the right of everyone to freedom of thought and expression, and proclaiming the rights and duties of those who gather and disseminate news.

The Soviet Union, backed by Poland, Czechoslovakia, the Ukraine and Yugoslavia, failed to get accepted the nine amendments to America's draft, all insisting on action against "Fascist propaganda and warmongers."

The six points put up by America were:

(1) Every one shall have the right to freedom of thought and expression, including freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas by any means and regardless of frontiers.

(2) The right of reporters to have the widest possible access to the sources of information and to travel unhampered in pursuit of them should be guaranteed.

(3) The exercise of these rights should be limited only by respect for the rights of others.

(4) Governments should support measures to improve the quality of information and to make a diversity of news accounts available.

(5) It is the moral obligation of the press and other agencies of information to seek the truth and report the facts.

(6) This obligation can be advanced through organizations and associations of journalists, and through individual journalists.

The resolution was passed by 27 votes to five.

A seventh point stating that enforcement of these obligations is best done by the public, who are served by the press and other agencies of information, will be debated on Monday.

## Chinese Proposal

The Chinese delegation proposed that governments through schools of journalism should promote the social and moral responsibility in the journalistic profession.

They should stress the undesirability of commercialism, sensationalism and racial and religious intolerance, while encouraging objectivity, accuracy and comprehensiveness.

The China delegation also suggested annual awards for journalists for upholding high ideals.

and excellence in writing, especially in the field of international news.

The conference decided that the acute shortage of newspaper in the greater part of the world was a basic hindrance to the free flow of news and opinion. With the greatest degree of agreement so far achieved, one of the technical committees appealed to the Economic and Social Council to devote urgent attention to increasing world supplies and arranging fairer distribution.—Reuter.

B. O. A. C.  
STRIKE

Calcutta, Apr. 4.

About 100 B.O.A.C. workers and Launch seamen went on strike on Saturday, demanding pay increases and other benefits.

B.O.A.C. officials said the walkout would have no immediate effect on operations but might possibly spread to other airlines.—Associated Press.

Labour  
Unions  
Suspended

Shanghai, Apr. 4.

Two local labour unions have been suspended by the Shanghai military authorities, pending their reorganization, a direct result of the recent roundup of alleged Communist agents in the city.

The two affected unions are the Silk Industrial Workers Union and the Canned Goods Industrial Workers Union.

It was disclosed that Tao Yushan, chairman of the Silk Workers Union, was one of the first Communist partisans who surrendered to the authorities voluntarily, while the Canned Goods Union is alleged to have many leaders who are connected with Communist elements.—Reuter.

San Francisco, Apr. 4.

An air shipment of 3,619 lb. of silk arrived from Tokyo today. Pan-American Airways said it was the largest single commercial air shipment ever to leave Japan. The silk was consigned to the Fongsee Corp., New York.—Associated Press.

Finnish Delegates'  
Secret Orders

Helsinki, Apr. 3.

Two delegates to the stalled Russo-Finnish treaty negotiations in Moscow were handed highly secret strategy instructions tonight and the Commander-in-Chief of the Finnish Army said that all army leave is suspended.

General Aarne Sihvo said that leave is suspended because there are not enough recruits to fill the gaps in Finland's armed forces.

Competent observers say the action is prompted by fear of Communist demonstrations in connection with the Russo-Finnish treaty negotiations which were stalemated reportedly because of Russian insistence on a military clause.

These observers said the Army is becoming alarmed because it has learned that the Communists intend to call strikes and mass meetings to force Finland to accept the Russian terms at the Moscow meeting.

Sihvo revealed that leave was cancelled soon after he and other top military experts left the conference with high Government officials and two delegates to the Moscow conference.

## Course Of Action

Diplomats Urho Kekkonen and J. O. Soderstrom were called home from the conference hastily and were given new instructions after a closed conference that lasted late into the night and resumed early today.

Communism  
Won't Lead  
To War

London, Apr. 3.

Mr. R. G. Ousey, Australian Liberal Party leader, who arrived in Sydney today after three months private visit to Britain, said that he did not think international Communism was likely to lead to war. Melbourne Radio reports.

He had talks with British Labour Party leaders and others on the methods to combat Communism, he said, and believed that Communism in Britain was pretty well under control.—Reuter.

U.S. Army  
V.D. Rate  
Drops

Manila, Apr. 4.

The venereal disease rate among American Army soldiers in the Philippines dropped from 143 cases per 1,000 a year ago to 41 in January, 1948, the Philippine Army Command GHQ said today.

The Army attributed this decline, which compared favourably to a 40 per cent drop for the army as a whole, to the new approach of stressing the moral aspects.

GHQ said it had excellent co-operation from the Philippine Government in the campaign against social diseases.—Associated Press.

Montgomery's Visit  
To Ostend

Ostend, Apr. 3.

This Belgian port stopped work today to give Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, the freedom of the city. Coming by air from Brussels, Lord Montgomery landed in driving rain at Coxey airport, outside Ostend, where enemy aircraft took off to bomb Britain during the war.

He drove along the coast road in the same green staff car which carried him from the Normandy beaches to Berlin, stopping at Nielport to lay a wreath at the foot of the town's memorial to the British fallen in the first World War.

Cheering crowds lined the route to the Ostend City Hall, where Lord Montgomery was received by the deputy mayor and received from him the city's gift of a casket of Congo Ivory containing sand from "Ostend beach."—Reuter.

## School Holiday

Ostend, April 4.

Lord Montgomery asked the Burgomaster to complete the honour by giving all local school children an extra day's holiday. Smiling and waving to a huge crowd, Montgomery named Winston Churchill as the man "who stood firm and confident in victory throughout the whole war," and added:

"You must have Churchill here. When I return to England I will

Russia  
Puzzles  
De Valera

New York, Apr. 3.

Mr. Eamon de Valera, former Prime Minister of Eire, has broadcast an appeal to America for help to end the partition of Ireland.

He was speaking at a farewell function given by the American-Irish Reception Committee after his four weeks' visit to the United States.

Mr. de Valera departed from the prepared text of his speech to declare:

"The righting of wrongs in Ireland would be a good example for righting wrongs elsewhere. This could be done without shedding a drop of blood."

Partition, he alleged, was "designed to maintain Tory privileges in the part cut off," and he added:

"It is a falsehood that there exists in six countries of Northern Ireland some distinctive race of Nationalists which dictate separation and forbid union with the rest of Ireland."

Mr. de Valera warned that the world was drifting towards a Third World War and declared that the blame was Russia's.

"I do not understand why Russia is acting as she is. It seems to me that Russia's actions are bringing war and making it inevitable. We in Ireland want to play a part in bringing peace to the world. We appeal to those who are outraging principles to give up outraging principles, and to let democracy work in Ireland as it does elsewhere."—Reuter.

Reprieve For  
Man They  
Can't Hang

London, Apr. 3.

The Home Secretary has asked the King to reprieve a murderer because a self-inflicted shot, which fractured his jaw, made it "impracticable" to hang him.

The Home Office announced tonight that 35-year-old William John Gray, who was sentenced to death at Manchester on March 10 after pleading guilty to the shooting and killing of his wife, had been recommended for reprieve. The King's consent is automatic.

After the murder, Gray shot himself in the jaw.

"Medical examination shows that the injuries to his jaw make it impracticable to carry out the execution," the announcement said.—Reuter.

The Padre  
Wore Shorts

Sydney, Apr. 3.

A clergyman who wears shorts with his vestments when conducting services is the Reverend G. E. Julien of Brisbane, New South Wales, who is campaigning to rid church congregations of "clothes stuffiness."

He described heavy suits, ties and clanking collars in hot weather as stifling adjuncts to worship and an unnecessary concession to stupid tradition.

Shorts and open shirts are in order with one in ten churches in eight villages where he conducted services.

He also advised women to "leave their hats at home."—Reuter.

Berlin, Apr. 3.

Thirty German children will be received every month into Swedish families for a holiday this year, according to Dr. Ernst Schaarschmidt, the Berlin representative of a group of Swedish charity organizations. Two parcels of 15 children each will leave for Sweden each month the yearling said.—Reuter.

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"CEASE FIRE" APPEAL TO  
JEWS & ARABSBroadcast By High  
Commissioner

Jerusalem, Apr. 3.

The Palestine Government is ready to discuss with both the civil and military leaders of the Arabs and Jews the details required for the conclusion and enforcement of an agreement for the Holy Land, the High Commissioner for Palestine, General Sir Alan Cunningham, stated tonight in a broadcast appeal for peace. The High Commissioner made a "cease fire" appeal and his appeal was translated into both Hebrew and Arabic. This was the first time that Sir Alan had ever broadcast over the Palestine Radio.

He referred to Thursday's Security Council resolution calling upon Jewish and Arab armed groups in Palestine to cease acts of violence forthwith, and said:

"Those who might wish to continue with a policy of violence in face of the United Nations demand should think well of the damage which such action may do to their case in the deliberations (on Palestine) at the United Nations, which are taking place shortly."

He continued:

"I ask them to consider fully what possible good can come from a continuance of violence at this time, when the future remains obscure and there is still a chance of peace."

"Already many innocent lives have been lost and much that had been achieved in the progress of many years has been destroyed. Would it not be better to halt this progress until at least it is seen what the future holds?"

Sir Alan added:

"This Government is only remaining with you a short time longer. During that period I am anxious to do all in my power to negotiate and maintain the cease-fire agreement for which I am asking."

"We are ready now to discuss with both the civil and military leaders of the contending parties the details required for the conclusion and enforcement of such an agreement."—Reuter.

"Major Battle"

Jerusalem, Apr. 3.

Despite Sir Alan's unprecedented appeal, the Arabs today began putting the finishing touches on their blockade around Jerusalem.

The Arabs also massed troops in the Judean hills for a fight to regain the vital Jewish-occupied village of Kastal on the road to Tel-Aviv, one of Jerusalem's main lifelines.

Observers said that the fight might develop into a major battle tonight.

Brussels, Apr. 3.

Prince Charles, Regent of Belgium, accompanied by M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Prime Minister, and a party of high officials left Brussels by air today on an official visit to the United States and Canada.—Reuter.

There is no more fuel and the cutting off of electricity and water would make the blockade complete. Water is becoming the deciding factor in the Arabs' attempt to conquer Jerusalem. The Arabs have full cisterns.

Mosque Omar reportedly has rebuilt its gigantic water tank. But the Jews depend almost entirely upon water piped in from Tel-Aviv along the Jaffa road. This pipe can be blown up almost at any time.

The power station in the Arab section can shut down at will.—United Press.

American Republics  
Get Together

Bogota, Apr. 4:

The delegates of 21 American republics wound up their first week of deliberations here today determined to stand together in the present world crisis. There is probably five weeks of hard work ahead. But the delegates attending the Pan-American Conference already have declared their unity of purpose.

Air Agreement  
Sought

Manila, Apr. 3.

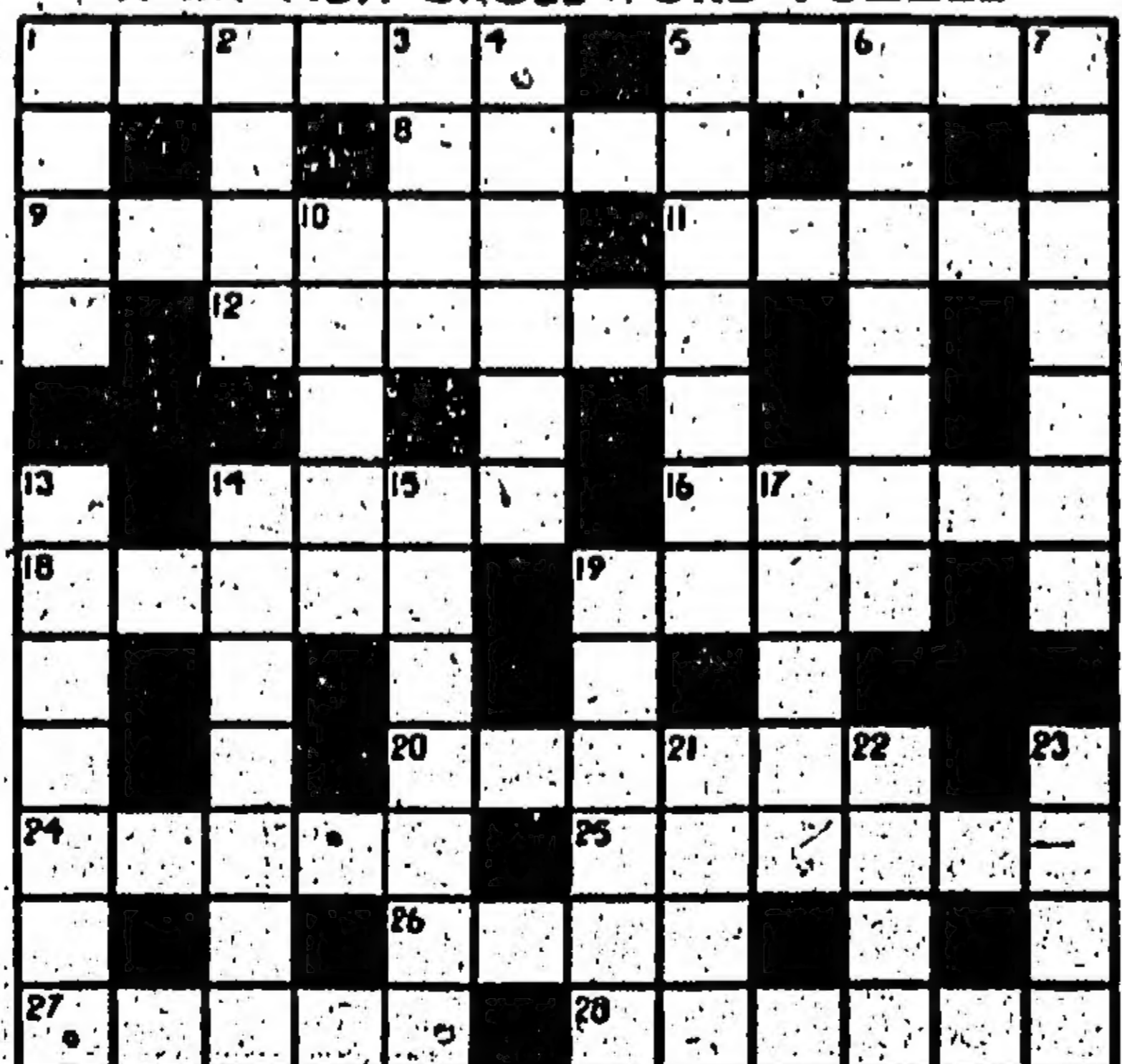
Informed sources said today that the Philippines are seeking an air treaty with Siam similar to the Philippine treaties signed earlier with the United States and Britain.

The sources said the treaty would be the first business taken up by the two governments since the Philippines recognized the new Siamese regime which came to power last November. The recognition was announced on Friday.

The projected treaty reportedly would open Siam to all registered Philippine air lines. A team of Philippine foreign affairs experts is being formed to negotiate the treaty.

A similar air traffic arrangement with Japan is now pending. Philippine negotiators are awaiting General Douglas MacArthur's approval to go to Japan to close the deal.—United Press.

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## Clues Across

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- Peculiarity of language.
- Quantity of paper.
- Spurred.
- Excavated.
- Reason.
- Destiny.
- Apoma.
- Amass.
- Vendetta.
- Trading centre.
- Depart.
- Division of Yorkshire.
- Midday.
- Officer-to-be.
- Joined closely.

## Clues Down

- Pulls.
- Wander.
- Worry.
- Boredom.
- Plunge.
- Set alight.
- Demure.
- new.
- Boastful.
- Kind of.
- Coward.
- Bit left over.
- Healed.
- Groove.
- Cattle.
- Tasteful.
- Very old.

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- Across: 1 Delta, 2 Choles, 3 Grives, 4 Music, 5 Impala, 6 Angwar, 7 Gell, 8 Neutral, 9 Lavin, 10 Eileen, 11 Trails, 12 Bore, 13 Testing, 14
- Down: 1 Dogma, 2 Lying, 3 Anvil, 4 Home, 5 Lesson, 6 Re-call, 7 Emanate, 8 Uster, 9 Pretend, 10 None, 11 Unrest, 12 Lawn, 13 Eileen, 14 Trails, 15 Adopt, 16 Image, 17 Quest, 18

Mines Off  
Pacific Coast

Seattle, Apr. 4.

The biggest invasion of floating mines since late last year was reported by District Coastguard HQ here today. Officials said that 18 Japanese mines had been sighted along or off the North Pacific coast in the past four days. Four of them have been destroyed.—Associated Press.

U.S. Shipping  
Companies Ask  
For Subsidy

Washington, Apr. 4.

American steamship operators asked Congress this week for liberal aid to keep American flag ships operating in the event not of a national emergency. Frazer A. Bailor, President of the National Federation of American shipping, told the House Merchant Marine Committee that the American ship business is "on doubtful financial grounds." Chairman Alven F. Winchel, Republican, suggested a subsidy should be paid at the rate of so much "per steaming mile for all American ships."—Associated Press.

American  
"Waste"  
Blamed

Washington, Apr. 4.

The U.N.O. Food and Agriculture Organisation said today America's waste of its natural resources has perhaps been unequalled in human history.

It blamed a "spirit of individual enterprise" for exploiting soil, forest and water resources. But this wasting is not confined to the United States, FAO said. A report on soil conservation problems throughout the world said millions of acres of land are being lost each year through erosion.

The result is a reduction in the potential supply of food, fibres and timber productions. The report paid particular attention to China and the United States. Together, FAO said, they furnish "examples of land use and abuse under many combinations of physical, social and economic conditions."

The pressure of population became acute in China centuries ago and equally long ago, man began his struggle with soil wastage and with great natural catastrophes.—Associated Press.

Woman  
Arrested  
On Border

Prague, Apr. 3.

The police announced today they had prevented Mrs. Pavel Tigrid from fleeing Czechoslovakia to join her husband just as she was about to cross the frontier illegally.

Tigrid is former editor of the Catholic People's Party publication. After reaching Germany he wrote a dispatch for the United Press exposing the "treason" of high Czech officials in the recent coup.

The police announcement said Tigrid sent his wife a "fraudulent telegram" from Germany saying he was ill, on the basis of which the American occupation authorities granted his wife a military entry permit.

Mrs. Tigrid was not able to get an exit visa, however, and the police said she planned to cross the frontier clandestinely with the aid of her brother.

"The timely intervention of security guards prevented this," the police said.—United Press.

Earthquake  
Rocks Iloilo

Manila, Apr. 4.

A moderately strong earthquake rocked Iloilo for about 15 seconds at 0130 GMT on Saturday, press reports from that southern island city said today.

The panic-stricken populace, still racked with the memory of the Jan. 25 tremor which killed 18 persons, rushed outdoors. Some people packed up and headed for the interior of Panay island, fearing a tidal wave.

Two children were injured in a theatre crash. Six labourers were demolishing the remains of the old Jarc Bell Tower and narrowly escaped serious injury when they jumped 20 feet to the ground in their flight.

Weather observers at Iloilo classified the intensity as "five" but this was a guess as there is no seismograph in the vicinity. Reports from other towns on Panay are still awaited.—Associated Press.

## RUNNING NO RISK

Seoul, Apr. 3.

The United Nations Commission for Korea, bowing to an age-old superstition, agreed today to postpone for one day the Southern Zone elections to prevent their falling on the same day as an eclipse of the sun.

The commission agreed to hold the elections on May 10 after

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Ship	Due from	Sailing for
"ALPHACCA"	Europe, early May.	Manila, Singapore, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Genoa, Marseilles, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Oslo, early May.

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From	Date	Vessel
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## BRITISH TRADE TALKS WITH EASTERN EUROPE

London, Apr. 3.  
Britain is now engaged in trade talks with three Eastern European countries without expecting to increase its exchanges with the Iron Curtain area to any appreciable extent.  
The Anglo-Yugoslav trade talks, an authoritative British source said today, are still "limping along," and after many months of fruitless discussions are doomed to a slow death.

## N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, Apr. 4.  
The stock market ended its third straight recovery week and finished its recovery in evidence. Profit-taking on the lengthy rise still restricted market activity, but assured strong support in the Saturday session. Some buying appeared on hopes of an end to the coal strike. Trends were uneven, prices suffered toward the close. There were 490,000 transfers.

Gainers included Skelly Oil Mission Corp., United Electrical Coal, Pacific Western Oil, Plymouth Oil and Western Union. Among the losers were Douglas Aircraft, Phelps Dodge, Philip Morris, US Gypsum, Warner Bros.

The Dow Jones averages were: Stocks 64.73, 20 Industrials 177.40, 10 Averages 68.33, 10 Utilities 35.41.

Following stock quotations—Adams Express 17, Alaska Juneau 24, American Can 81, American Smelting 87 1/2, American Telephone 10 1/4, American Tobacco 50 1/4, American Waterworks 8, Anaconda Copper 85 1/2, Aviation Corp 8 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 16, Barnard 37 1/2, Bendis 14, Borden 24 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 19 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 27 1/2, Borden Co. 42, Canadian Pacific 12 1/2, J. I. Case 41 1/2, Chrysler 50 1/2, Colgate 43 1/2, Commercial Solvent 24 1/2, Corn Products 60 1/2, DuPont 17 1/2, Eastman Kodak 43 1/2, Electric Light & Power 18 1/2, General Electric 36 1/2, General Motors 44 1/2, Goodrich 54 1/2, Goodyear 41 1/2, Homestake Mining 38 1/2, International Paper 50 1/2, International Tel & Tel 12 1/2, Johns Manville 8 1/2, Kennecott Copper 22 1/2, Montgomery Ward 56, National Distillers 20 1/2, National Lead 8 1/2, New York Central 14 1/2, Packard Motors 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 10 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 18 1/2, Radio Corp 9 1/2, Republic Steel 30 1/2, Schenley 30, Sears Roebuck 26 1/2, Shell Oil 35, Sony Vacuum 18 1/2, Southern Pacific 8 1/2, Standard Brands 25 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 63 1/2, Standard Oil of N. Y. 24 1/2, Standard Oil 10 1/2, Union Bag 8 1/2, Union Carbide 10 1/2, Union Rubber 42, US Steel 78 1/2, US Lumber 19 1/2, Westinghouse 28 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 77, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12 1/2.—Associated Press.

## Rumonia

The director-general of the Rumanian state-controlled timber export agency, Stephen Lungu, also is in London to negotiate with the Board of Trade and leading British timber import firms on Rumanian exports of raw timber, furniture and other timber products. It was learned any timber deals with Rumania, if they materialize at all, will be on a very small scale.

The talks with Hungary and Rumania were undertaken at the initiative of the two Eastern European countries concerned.

Despite several months of preparations for Anglo-Czech trade talks, it is now doubted whether they will take place at all. It was stressed in authoritative British circles that recent political events in Czechoslovakia have not imperilled chances of a trade agreement with that country, but the change in the direction of the Czech Foreign Trade Ministry is bound to delay a resumption of the discussions.—United Press.

## Fund To Finance Cotton Exports

Washington, Apr. 3.  
The Senate Agriculture Committee today approved a \$100,000,000 fund to finance exports of cotton, wool, hides and other raw materials for processing in plants in American-occupied areas in Europe and the Far East.

The fund will be used to purchase raw materials in the United States for plants in Germany, Japan and Korea, and will be repaid from profits from the processors' sales.

The Senate is expected to pass the fund without opposition. The Committee changed the original plan and included the British zone of Germany.—Reuter.

## BACK FROM MADRID

Rome, Apr. 4.  
Mr. Myron Taylor, President Truman's personal envoy to the Vatican, arrived here by air from Madrid today. He is expected to see the Pope very shortly.

Reports from the United States that Mr. Taylor was to leave for the Vatican caused speculation there earlier last week in view of the Italian general election beginning on April 18. It was stated, however, that his visit was a routine one and the first for some six months.—Reuter.

## Silver

Washington, Apr. 3.  
The Department of Commerce reports that exports of refined gold bullion for the week ended March 17 were valued at \$10,900,000, compared with \$12,218,000 for the week ended March 10.

Gold imports were 337,297 ounces, of which Belgium and Luxembourg provided 202,900 ounces and Colombia 28,589 ounces valued at \$10,002,000 and \$994,000 respectively.

Silver imports were 597,878 ounces valued at \$1,000,000 to \$3,728,000.—Reuter.

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## Samples For Japan

London, Apr. 4.  
Trade samples and merchandise may now be sent in parcels from Britain to Japan, according to the Postmaster-General.  
Only gifts could be sent previously.—Associated Press.

## Belgians Surprise At Reading

Reading, Apr. 3.  
A magnificently trained team of Belgian runners created a surprise by winning the international cross country championship over a nine-mile course here today by one point from the holders, France.

The Belgians supplied the first two men home, Jon Doms, a slightly built athlete, and Emile Renson, who was far ahead of the field. Doms finished first by 150 yards in front of Renson in 54 minutes and 34 seconds, with the French crack, Ben Mohamed Lahoussine of Morocco in the third position.

It was the first time that Belgium had won the title and also supplied the winner and runner-up.

There was never any doubt about Belgium's superiority for Doms and Renson took the lead after the first 600 yards, and kept it throughout.

Sydney Wooderson, the English crack, disappointed the big crowd today for he could only finish 14th after holding the sixth position for most of the race.—Reuter.

## Philippines Hoping For Big Loan

Washington, Apr. 3.  
It was reported unofficially today that World Bank experts who recently surveyed the Philippines islands are near the completion of a report on the outlook of a general loan risk there.

Though the Philippines have not yet formally applied for a World Bank loan, Joaquin Elizalde, Philippine Ambassador to the United States, in January discussed the possibilities of a hydroelectric power development loan with officials of the World Bank, Export Import Bank and other financial sources.

Informed sources conjectured that the completion of the report might enable the Bank to "talk business" with the Ambassador when he returns in the middle of this month.

Before leaving Washington, Elizalde said to the press that discussions of the hydroelectric project and a loan would get a large part of his attention in the Philippines. Philippine circles speculated that he will return with a definite plan.—United Press.

## Wall St. Briefs

New York, Apr. 3.  
Selected shipbuilding were among the supported issues on Wall Street today with the news that the Maritime Commission has invited six leading companies to submit bids for the construction of seven combination passenger and cargo vessels, the first new Commission construction since the war.

Discussing the effect of expanding the official programme on national economy, one of the leading brokerage houses said: "It is stimulating effect is widely appreciated though the duration of this tonic is naturally debatable."

Suggesting that its force may still be further extended is President Truman's reported comment that the present stock piling and increased armament spending may be followed by additional requests for national security appropriations.

Eventually, these bills will have to be paid by the taxpayers but the prevailing psychology "that it benefits business activity and employment is now being stressed, while other considerations are temporarily relegated to the background."—Reuter.

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## End Of World Approaching

Sydney, Apr. 3.  
Declaring that the end of the world is approaching and that the cities will be destroyed first, Pastor Whittaker, a Seventh Day Adventist, and 10,000 of his followers, are today fleeing from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

In a statement before leaving Melbourne, Pastor Whittaker said:

"Our knowledge and reading of the bible indicates that the sands of time are running out fast. We are the only people with the courage to face the facts.

"God willed that in the final days, the people should earn their living off the land. Great havoc will be wrought in the big cities.

"This could be from atomic bombs or it could be a prelude to the second coming of Christ, which is not far away, believe me."

Pastor Whittaker said that he hoped that there would soon be a general exodus from the cities. The Adventists, who are moving to the country, will establish churches, self-supporting industries and community towns.—Reuter.

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